

A Blessed Christmas and New Year

We pray this for you! Why not “merry and happy”? Life is not always happy, but in relationship with Christ we can experience His love and blessings regardless. Our deepest desire is “to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him...” (Philippians 3:10). Not that we enjoy suffering, but we have experienced growth and benefits from even decades of suffering. We are closer to our Lord and each other. We have found that He is *only* GOOD and His Love endures forever. We pray that you also experientially know Him more!

Celebrate Jesus with us!

We are so thankful for you and your prayers. Know that we pray for you and your loved ones also.

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What’s the DIFFERENCE between things we like to do and things we do not like to do? *by Loren*

We were not born liking the things that we like today... things we would be happy doing all day long. We found out later on that we liked these things after we had enough good involvement with them.

I used to think Heaven was NOT a good place to be.

My previous image of Heaven was monotone white, repetitiously boring, and disappointingly lacking... until I became Bible literate. Then, **beyond** the Biblical revelation that this life on earth is actually what is monotone, boring, and very lacking comparatively, the DEEP game-changer was AFTER “I had enough good involvement” with God Himself. These two Scriptures are big clues:

James 4:8 *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*

Revelation 4:8 *Each of the four living creatures DAY AND NIGHT, SAY, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.” THIS SOUNDED BORING* to me even AFTER I read the Bible... but completely changed AFTER “I had enough good involvement” with God Himself...namely: moving beyond **intellectual** Christianity, which anyone can counterfeit, and into **intimate** Christianity with the very PERSON of God, which from about the year 33 to today has been with the Holy Spirit.

This two-way relationship changed my experience from **BORING** to **BEAUTIFUL**... to the extent of finding- and owning- WHY AND HOW Revelation 4:8 is actually accurate, and the exact opposite of boring! This transformation is happening to more and more Christians around the world, as they grow ever closer to their suddenly coming BrideGroom Jesus Christ.

God forces no one, and *Heaven IS NOT* hell insurance! God is not fooled, and *Heaven IS ONLY* for those who live James 4:8 *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you...* **because** it is the only way God allows the ‘automatic’ in our life (which is our heart) to change. Only our lifestyle choice can invite His power. This earthly life separates those who choose to love God back His way from those who do not. No pressure; and we cannot change our choice once we die, either. Therefore, we invite you to *experience THE DIFFERENCE* of *intimate* Christianity, real heart Christianity, while you still can.

p.s. What’s the difference? *by Kathy*

Experiencing THE DIFFERENCE of *intimate* Christianity has been a game changer in my life also... In the past, I went to church, read the Bible, prayed, and did good things... because I was a Christian. I *did* want to know God more, and those things *have* value, but NOW I strongly desire to spend *intimate time* with God, my Creator and Lover of my soul, and please Him. I long to have extended / bulk *intimate time* with Him, at least most days. If I don’t, I am sadly lacking and unequipped to live well. I often sing to Him throughout my days and seek Him even if I only have a few minute break. For me, the change came over years of me drawing near to God with an open, desperate heart, so I encourage you to continue drawing near until you also experience **THE DIFFERENCE!**

Thanksgiving Building Relational Ministry Opportunities *by Loren and Kathy*

The second annual Harvest Meal at the Coatesville Neighborhood Center on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving this year provided full holiday meals for over 120 people in Coatesville, focusing on the homeless and poor. This ministry opportunity was suggested last year by a dear sister in the Lord, and



has since successfully fed the hungry twice and helped us relationally connect to the precious, marginalized people in our city, all for God's end goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Kathy (left), among dozens of volunteers from multiple churches, prepared food take-out boxes and bags of home-made Thanksgiving dinners including turkey, ham, gravy, stuffing, mashed and sweet potatoes, other vegetables, baked macaroni and cheese, pumpkin pie, muffins, cake, water, soda, juice and hot chocolate and utensils.

Our favorite part is **not** all the wonderful food, which alone **harms the poor in the long run** if not coupled with relational ministry that helps them help themselves into improved situations... the first step: becoming owners of God's love. We minister from this same facility (the CNC) all year to help all who return for personalized ministry.

True Stories

We are ready "in season and out of season" to minister to people – 2 Timothy 4:2. This month we were at the CNC (Coatesville Neighborhood Center) preparing for a Furnace meeting. Kathy saw a woman huddled outside on "the Wall" and felt led to talk to her. Kathy invited this cold, needy woman to come inside. This woman ended up sharing a lot of painful events in her life including her current homelessness. She responded to the love of Jesus caring for her through us. What an honor to share His love with those who are marginalized (treated as insignificant or peripheral). We gave her food, information, and asked her to return to us at the CNC for more help.

We recently had another lady return after not seeing her for seven years (we mentioned her in our November 2013 MissionNews #2) (this is #43). Kathy had been praying for her over the years, and was so encouraged to see her again. She was not the first lady who came back after years of absence; men have as well. People remember being loved, and God IS love!

Please intercede for these people; they are precious to God and can be challenging to reach, but are certainly worthy of our prayers and ministry.

We need your intercessory prayer. The Bible is full of such requests... not as obligatory duty, but as moved by compassion for God's heart to save the souls He saw from the cross. This Christmas, please remember why Jesus Christ came to us. He did not want to, but chose to for the joy He and we would own if He followed through with God's plan. HE is *how and why* we can have a **BLESSED** Christmas.

Thank you! Please pray for us, & contact us! We like hearing from you!

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