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"...how you turned from  
idols to serve the living  
and true God."  
(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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## Good day, brethren!

I hope you are excited about the possibilities of the new year, as we are. When a new year comes around, I am reminded of Paul's words: "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak" (Colossians 4:2-4).

Though that last two years have been challenging toward being able to accomplish the Lord's work, God has, and will continue, to provide open doors for the gospel to be preached, heard and obeyed. So, we will continue in prayer, trusting that God will provide opportunity to do His will, especially in being able to return to India. Pray for us, and we will also pray for you. Let us continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve our awesome God, even as Satan and the world attempt to get in the way.

We are very excited about the possibilities and what God will accomplish this year as we continue to serve Him. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you" (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

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## I Enjoy the New Year's Celebration for an Odd Reason

The world enjoys the New Year primarily as a way to party in the many ways that they do these things.

But I always want to approach everything from a Christian mind-set, as I know you do too.

In the New Years celebration there's always the urge to look back on the past year. While the world looks and says "good riddance," I prefer to follow Paul's example: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." (Col 2:6-7).

You see, my strength to go forward is empowered by my thanksgiving for the past, including this past year. And it's rather difficult to feel gratitude for the past year if I'm complaining about it with continual grumbling.

And one of the many things I'm grateful for is the opportunity to be a blessing to God's people—I'm confident that you share that gratitude in your life!

In 2 Cor 8 Paul talks of how the Galatian Christians were unreservedly thrilled to participate in the Gospel when Paul told them of the need.

Paul also described the depths of their poverty, of their oppression.

Yet their primary emotion was not 'woe is us, when will it get better.' Their primary emotion was to share, which simply isn't possible without a constant practice of celebrating with regardless of disappointments.

Our Indian brethren have a very similar attitude of gratitude.

Many states have passed anti-conversion laws. The Indian government is trying to interfere with Christian education and with preacher training, without making it fully illegal.

The government is trying to track every single Rupee that churches receive, that churches spend. And you know why they want to track these things.

Yet, our Indian brethren remain faithful. They remain diligent and evangelistic in ways that are difficult for us to imagine.

Because in India, the poor still hear Him gladly!

So let's celebrate the opportunity to be a part of this!

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