

## December 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

In the midst of a world of darkness and chaos, we rejoice in the hope of the Christmas story. The Gospel remains the same through it all. The same message of salvation awaits all who will believe and receive Jesus Christ, and a dark world cannot extinguish it!

RidgeCrest Bible Church continues to be a wonderful source of encouragement to us as well as being an outreach to others. One way is a ministry to folks we call "shut-ins." These are elderly in our community who have a need for food and other things. As a church, we gather food to share with these dear folks and deliver it to their homes. Through tracts and other printed materials, we share the Gospel and share the love of Christ. Our hearts are always warmed as we do this! Christmas gives us another opportunity as a church to share Christ's love and salvation.

We would like to introduce you to our new friend, **Wilma**. We have had the privilege of serving her and seeing her countenance truly transform. When we first met her, it was rare to see her smile, but now she frequently smiles, gives us hugs, and tells us that she loves us! Wilma is a dear believer who has suffered through some really tough circumstances since her husband died 18 years ago. This resulted in her living in a true poverty situation. Coming from a very large family, Wilma found herself totally without family or any resources at the age of 62 when her husband died. Now, at the age of 80 and in poor health, she has no family to help care for her or help with her needs. When we first met her, she was very lonely and had a blank expression on her face, except when she was talking about her Lord.

We have been blessed to help her with some of her personal needs by taking her to town to pay her bills, get groceries, run errands, or taking her to church when her health permits. We were even able to bring her home with us for Thanksgiving dinner. What a joy and blessing it has been to help her and make a new friend! Matthew 25:45 tells us, ...to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

School ministry is beginning to open up again. Edgemont School, in Cocke County has a before school Christian club called First Choice. The teacher leader is again having Don come once a month to share with the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a great opportunity because there is complete freedom to share the Gospel and invite these kids to receive Christ since it is before instructional time at the school. Seeds are sown in hearts, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will draw them to Christ.

Don will be having a knee replacement December 14<sup>th</sup>, so we are limited in our school ministry this fall, but he has contacted the eight schools to assure them that he hopes to return in the spring. We are thankful that there seems to be a continued open door in these schools. Another opportunity in December was a special



(So happy with her new coat!)

Christmas program that Don was asked to bring to our local volunteer fire department. (Don has been a member there for the past 37 years, but he is no longer active due to health problems.) This was a program for the firefighters' families where the gospel was shared. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts and minds of those who were reached.

### Family News

We are looking forward to seeing all of our family during the Christmas season since we are closer geographically now. Karen's family is a day's drive away now in Maryland, Nick's is just an hour away, and Kristi's is still living with us since they have not yet found a house in the Johnson City area. Adrian's parents are now living in Kingsport. Both were recently hospitalized with Covid. His dad is home and doing much better, but his mom, Wendy, is very sick in ICU. Please pray for them. They are in the Lord's watchful care. Please pray for Don's knee surgery and recovery to go well also, and that he will quickly be up and able to be back at church preaching!



Thank you all for your special prayers and support this year and all through the years! May God richly bless you and your families in the coming year!

Love in Christ,  
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