

Christmas, 2008

Dear Family and Friends:

Merry Christmas from Wheaton, IL!! I give thanks to the Lord for each one of you and the joy He gives to me for your love and fellowship. The Lord has blessed me with good health this past year, and He gives me much joy in serving Him in various ways: at the Repeat Boutique serving in the baby room, at the Billy Graham telephone ministry, at Bible classes, ministering to Japanese, helping at College Church, entertaining many guests, praying for missionaries in support teams, at home and at church.

Above all this the most joy comes in fellowship with my Lord, sometimes in the middle of the night, reading His Word and delighting in His fellowship and Presence. Last night I woke up and started singing, "Abide With Me". I thought about the author, Henry Lyte, who died when he was fifty-four years old; he labored for twenty three years as a pastor at a poor church in a fishing village in Devonshire, England. He wrote this hymn a short time before he died of tuberculosis. He was inspired by the words of the two disciples when they met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is spent." (Luke 24:29)

Let's sing it together and find comfort and hope in this coming year (see back of page). Our Lord is with us "the help of the helpless," the One who never changes, our guide and security. He will never leave us nor forsake us. (Deut 31:6)

Love in Christ at Christmas,

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