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Dear Praying Friends,

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Linda and I wish to express to you our warmest wishes for this wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the coming of our Saviour to the world. For those of us who know Him as our Lord and Saviour it is a time when we can rejoice in the hope, peace, and joy He brings. There are so many who do not know Him, however. It was Oswald Smith who stated, "We speak of His second coming and yet half the world has not yet heard of His first coming." We must do all we can to see that they do hear and have a chance to be saved.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving with our family. All the Raley "tribe" was present except our grandson, Jacob, and our grandson, Brandon, and his wife, Sarah. Brandon is in the U. S. Navy and stationed in Norfolk, VA so they were unable to be present. We had a wonderful, noisy, and happy day.

It hardly seems possible, yet we are looking forward to the New Year already. We are not sure what 2012 will bring. Some are "prophesying" that the world will end; but we know that this will not happen. What may happen, however, is the coming of the Lord to receive us into His presence. Are you ready? You can be ready by receiving Christ as Lord and Saviour. If we are saved, let us strive to be found faithful if He should come during the upcoming year. We should live every day as if it were our last, but strive to live every day for Christ as long as He gives us life.

The Lord willing, Linda and I will make a trip to Brazil in September of 2012. She has been invited to speak at a ladies' conference and we hope to visit with several of our missionaries while we are there. Pray for us that the Lord will help us work out the details.

I am scheduling meetings for 2012 and would love to come to your church for a mission conference, special Mission Emphasis Sunday, or any time I might be a blessing. I love being in the churches around the country and would love to come to your church.

Linda and I appreciate the fact that you have been so faithful to pray for us and also we appreciate each church that has a part in our financial support. Our ministry is possible because of your faithfulness.

Yours for souls,

Tommy & Linda Raley