

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM MINDANAO—2007

“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

- Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)



At Christmas we are confronted with the awesome nature of the birth of Jesus Christ—God becoming man! Christmas reminds us again of the significance of this incredible event in the pages of eternity, the sure hope we have in the work of Christ, and that real peace is only found in Him, the Prince of Peace.

This past year has been a year of challenges and blessings. We're now pretty well settled here in Davao City, and we're thrilled to see how the Lord is putting things together for the ministry at Hope Mountain and in a number of the other ministries we're involved with. It's exciting to be part of a ministry where we continually see God transforming lives. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve here and thankful for all of you who faithfully pray for us.

We just returned from a ministry trip into North Cotabato where we had the opportunity to minister at a church in Pag-asa. Although the church is small, we praise the Lord that there is a faithful witness in this community, and along with other churches in the area the Good News of Christ is being proclaimed to the people of the B'laan Tribe.

On Sunday evening (Dec. 23) we will be having a Christmas celebration with our faithful staff at Hope Mountain. We've been raising two turkeys that will be stuffed and baked and provide our Filipino tribal staff to experience this American treat for the first time. And, of course, we'll be having some wonderful Filipino food. Above all, we'll be together to reflect upon the birth of Christ, to worship Him and to have fellowship with one another. What a blessing to be able to experience Christmas on this side of the globe!

Please pray for the people of Mindanao during this Christmas season. With the poverty, corruption and turbulence, there are great needs, and only in Christ, the Prince of Peace, is there real hope.

We pray that this Christmas season will be a time of great joy for you and your families. And that the Christmas season will be a time of reflection upon the significance of the incarnation, and a time of rejoicing in Christ, our Savior and King. This is what Christmas is all about—It's all about Him!



Joyfully,

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