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1 Corinthians 9:19
 ... yet have I made myself a servant
 unto all, that I might gain the more.

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"In every thing give thanks..." 1 Tess 5:18
"For unto you is born this day... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Lu 2:11

To our faithful helpers,

Once again, we are quickly coming to the end of a year to begin a new one. As I took down the Thanksgiving decorations and started putting up the ones for Christmas, I began to reflect on the years that have gone by. So many good memories. Our Lord has been so good and faithful. Don and I thank Him for one another and the relationship we have had together. We have grown together in Him. We thank Him for our family and our grandchildren. Each one is so very special. We thank Him for allowing to be used in the area of missions. Next year will mark 50 years that we began this journey. He has allowed us to see churches established, to see lives brought to the light of the Gospel and to see several go on to study and serve Him in full time service. And we thank Him for each of you who have been so faithful to be a help to our ministry. We still have quite a few churches who have helped us from the beginning of our deputation.

But do I not only think about the past, but the present and the future. Our Christian life is more than enjoying the daily blessings with a hope of one day spending all eternity with our blessed Lord. Each day our relationship with Him should be growing because of His wonderful grace. We are in Him (He is the Vine and we are the branches) and all that our Lord is He has given us the possibility of being.

The new work has been such a blessing and thrill to our hearts. The peoples' "eyes of understanding" seem to be opening. They are always telling Don that they appreciate so much the doctrinal study. They say they now have tools to work with to talk to others. And these truths are becoming a part of their own lives. One man led his elderly mother to the Lord this last month. Our worker and his family have put themselves in the work totally. How thankful we are for them.

Linda has been treated this last month for pneumonia that was not completely healed from last year. She went twice a day to a clinic for antibiotics given intravenously. She is now taking another 10 days orally. She is better, but still weak. Pray with us that she will soon be back on her feet.

We wish to each of you a blessed Christmas season. May we ever remain faithful to Him who has been so faithful to us.

You all are so special.

Lovingly, your servants,

Don + Linda Leaf

