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Hello Friends!!!

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*Luke 1:46,47,49 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 49 For he that is mighty **hath done** to me great things; and holy is his name.* Mary's song of worship has been a reminder for me...although the circumstances are not at ALL the same, my God is STILL the SAME ALMIGHTY WONDERFUL GOD; WHO continues to do GREAT things! May each of us keep our eyes on Him CONTINUOUSLY, not only at Thanksgiving, Christmas or when we are in trouble, but ALWAYS as HE is worthy of praise!

These past few months have been a real adjustment. One doesn't realize HOW all the changes affect your life. Location. Occupation. Identity. Friendships. Climate. I am thankful to the Lord for His provision, His presence and His promises that never fail. He has blessed me with a great church family which is growing and zealous for the Lord.

The Lord has allowed me to work and minister to a dear lady with dementia, as well as a few hours working with another home healthcare agency. I am grateful that this type of work allows me to minister true Hope, Jesus to my clients and their families.

Tuesday afternoons I give a Spanish class to a group of elementary children; this has been a great time of learning and such joy! Children have such energy, excitement, enthusiasm and ambition...they are refreshing to be with, they encourage my soul.

A young mom approached me several weeks ago and asked me if I would be willing to mentor her in the Word of God. Oh our time together around the Word and prayer is such a JOY! Monday afternoons are a highlight of my week! There are a couple more ladies I would love to mentor as well...trusting the Lord to work out the details according to His plan.

Mom is doing pretty good. Both Mom and I tested positive to Covid here in December, but I think we were in the last of it when we tested so thankfully it didn't hit us as bad as it did others.

The weather has been extremely nice, in the 40s even reaching 50 degrees a couple of days. Now this week the temps have dropped but next week are to have a couple of warm days again. The reality is, I am in Wisconsin and it is NORMAL to have COLD temperatures! Even though I may not like the cold weather it does remind me that God is still in control and spring will come once again!

Friends, as I write this letter, I am reminded how blessed we are to have a Savior who was willing to come to earth so many years ago for the soul purpose of saving us! Through Him, all who trust Him can have their sins forgiven, a Home in Heaven and His grace to live each day til He comes. Oh, and because of Him I have you, my Brothers and sisters in the faith to encourage and be encouraged! I am thankful for the family of God, the friendships, the prayers and encouragement from many of you even though we are miles away. I am humbled by the way the Lord allowed us to cross paths in this journey called Life.

A blessed Merry Christmas to each of you! May your Christmas be filled with the PRESENCE of God, HIS joy, peace and love.

Because of the Hope we have in Christ,

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Ps: I would love to hear from you!