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News from Dick and Margine Mercado

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Dear and Faithful Friends and Partners in the Gospel:

What a special joy it is for Margine and me to wish you all a most blessed Christmas time and God-prospered New Year!

These have been quite unusual days for us in that for the first time in our lives we have moved into a care center where we gratefully are finding special rest and special medical care. These good things relate particularly to dear Margine who in recent months, and perhaps now a couple of years, has needed such care in a very special way. Your faithful support and prayers and gifts have meant so very, very much to both of us, and we can't begin to thank you enough for your prayers and your ongoing support. We miss being more active in the work of the Lord, but we can pray and commend our way to the Lord and trust Him to make us channels of blessing, even in these latter months or latter years of our lives, as we await His coming or His calling us home.

We especially are so grateful for loved ones who continue to support us so faithfully and our dear secretary who continues to be such a significant help in communicating with you all.

For many years the Lord has allowed us to live and to serve Him, for which we are very thankful. Even though we are unable to serve as we have in the past, we are deeply grateful for the measure of strength and opportunities we have now. We are both living in the same special quarters in a very helpful place with almost daily visits from our firstborn and her husband, Linda and Jim Crowther, and our dear son and his wife, Dick and Joyce Mercado Jr. We do regret not being able to attend our son's church as regularly as we have been doing, but we are thankful that wherever we are, the Lord continues to be our sufficiency and our joy, especially as the days draw closer to our celebration of the miracle of Bethlehem. How wonderful that **...God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** And that certainly may not be the usual Christmas Scripture, but the Gospel is what the Christmas message is really all about.

How we thank God for you and your prayers for us, along with your loving support, and how we thank Him that God has given us such special friends such as you and yours. Please accept these special Christmastime greetings and prayerful best wishes for you and all yours! Do send us a few lines, if you are able to do so, particularly at this time of the year, and may the Christmas days and especially all of the coming New Year be filled with the Lord's mercies, joys, and favors without end. Maranatha!

Yours very gratefully, as always—under the same Feathers,

Dick and Margine Mercado

