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“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”

Dear Ones,

It is the end of a long and prosperous 2007 in the winning of souls in the Philippines! God has opened so many doors for HIS Gospel around the world, and we praise HIM for HIS love for mankind. Mary Ann and I want you to know that we love and appreciate you for your dedication to the Lord.

It is “Maligayong Pasko” (the “Merry Christmas” season) in the Philippines. All Four of our “Philippine International Bible Institute” schools follow the calendar of the Universities in the Philippines. December 21st. to January 7th 2008 is holiday break time. Some go home to see their families, and spend time working in their “Home church,” preaching, teaching children, working in “Church Youth Camps.” Some of the congregations rent school buildings, and have “Family Bible Camps.”

They have Bible study classes, preaching, singing, sleeping in the school classrooms, and bring their own food to share with each other, and play Bible games. Many Christians invite their neighbors and families to join in these activities. There is a “Gospel Meetings” every night, and many are “baptized into Christ.”

The 24 Faculty members and their families plan these activities, and

There are 60 “Fieldworkers” (Graduates of PIBI) who work full time, and they use this time to “bond” with the 48 full time students during these activities, and recruit other young people to come and study the Word.

As we begin this "New Year, let us think about how you and I can continue to be "co-labors" with our brethren in the Philippines. Some of you have resolved to increase their contributions to this mission in 2008.

If you are able to do this, we invite you to join us.

Love,

Charles T. Smith and Mary Ann