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Note from Sister Cindy: I am sending this Christmas letter from my husband out very quickly. Want to say thank you

so much for your support. May you have the Merriest
Christmas in Christ our Lord!!!

CHRISTMAS 2009

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever (Luke 1:47-55).

Dear Ones,

The fear of the Lord is one of the first messages which God ever gave me. The first years of my ministry it was a staple in churches in which I spoke. At the time, I knew virtually no one else who spoke on this lost subject, which Solomon determined was the beginning of knowledge and wisdom. To this day I proclaim the Fear of God and Obedience to His commands on campus and in the churches.

At the annunciation Gabriel said, "Fear not, Mary." We need not fear God's calling, man, our circumstances, nor do we fear death. But in the Magnificat Mary sings that we are to fear God our Savior for his name is Holy. Where there is fear of God, there is no fear of man. Where there is fear of man, there is no fear of God.

With the help of God's strong arm at universities everywhere we daily scatter the wisdom of the worldly wise and bring to nothing the understanding of those who regard themselves as prudent. The LORD still speaks to and through his servants. During this advent season at the Campus Ministry USA, we are refreshed with his Word and we are renewed in our determination to "Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; that Jesus Christ is born!"

To those of you who help us in this vital ministry, Cindy and I will be eternally grateful; and so will innumerable souls. It boggles the mind of multitudes how I have been able to carry on year after year decade after decade supporting a family and preaching everywhere from the housetops. I, too, am amazed at the confidence so many have in my mission by giving sacrificially to supply me on the battle lines. I cannot thank you precious servants enough. I know many have other financial commitments; to you, I ask simply to keep me, my family and the students in your prayers.

This ministry is of low estate. There is little respect or praise for a man preaching at the gates. But your confidence in my ministry demonstrates enough respect to keep me from discouragement and despair, even when we are despised and rejected by so many, as was our Savior.

It has been another good year for the Smocks. Our eldest daughter, Evangeline was promoted to Sergeant. Cindy, Martha, Priscilla, Sister Pat Evangeline's husband, David, and I attended the ceremony at Ft. Meade in Maryland. We are proud to have David and Evangeline serving God and Country in the Armed Forces. The LORD hath showed them His strength with His mighty arm.

In August, we attended Charlotte's graduation with honors from nursing school with her RN degree. The next day she and I embarked for Ghana where we had a memorable time teaching Schools of Evangelism and declaring our Lord's name in the markets and universities.

Justina and Tyler live in a mobile home on a beautiful piece of land in rural Missouri. Our spirits rejoiced when we heard the news of Tyler's profession of faith in November. They attend a Baptist Church and also come to Cindy's Wednesday night Bible studies for home schoolers, which meets in our home. I taught granddaughter, Iris, her first word, "Bible," and her first song "the B-I-B-L-E." We usually do a dance together as we sing.

Grandfather Shows Iris Her First Snow



Iris Likes the Snow and Tries to Eat It





Prissy and Martha Build an Army Snow Man. David and Evangeline are the only ones not with us; they are both working in the Christmas Eve and Christmas services at Ft. Meade.

This is the last year of home schooling for Martha. I am very excited about her traveling with me starting next August. Martha has been

learning to tend our new website which was designed by a home school graduate. Her interest has become photography. So you can keep up with her activities and mine at www.brojed.org. She got her driver's license at 18; we do not like the idea of 16 year olds driving, especially girls.

Priscilla and Martha are keeping up with their music lessons. Dad loves to hear the girls practicing on the piano. Early in the year, Priscilla and Martha went to Philadelphia to visit Mrs. Laurie White and her three boys; they also enjoyed touring Washington D.C. with Evangeline. Priscilla won first place in the Boone County 4 H speech contest. It was big disappointment for us all that after she had prepared for state competition, it was discovered that the State never received the paperwork for her to compete at the next level.

Cindy is the one who holds the fort in my frequent absence out on the battlefields. We talk a lot together how in two more years she will be through with the home schooling; and we will fight evil arm in arm. Cindy is the leader of the teen activities in our support group and had 46 youth come to the Christmas party. She has big events planned virtually every month. The highlight is the Elegant Evening each May where the youth engage in 19th Century group dancing.

After Christmas the family will finish the year visiting our soldiers, Evangeline and David, in Washington D.C.

Indeed, God has filled the hungry Smocks with good things for another year. And may the LORD extend his mercies to you God fearing folks.

Love, Joy and Peace to All,

Bro. Jed





**Brother Jed's, Twenty-First Annual Reading of Charles Dickens' Classic,
"A Christmas Carol"**



Eighty Friends and Family Members attended.



Priscilla Sang, "Mary Did you Know?" and "Oh Holy Night"



"We Five Saxophones" Played at the Carol Reading



Martha Solo: "I Wonder As I Wonder!"



Teaching Iris, Psalm 1



God Bless Us Everyone