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**Sending you our
Christmas & News Years
Blessings!**



Merry Christmas



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Jesus Came!

Jesus Came! That is how it started. The day didn't have a specific name yet. But in Bethlehem, in that small stable, in that bundle in a young mothers arms was the Son of God: **Jesus. The Christ!**

That was the first Christmas.

Centuries later we still celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Why do we celebrate? The old prophet Isaiah wrote it down and Jesus himself confirmed it: **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor..."** (Isaiah 61)

Today, we are Called to be **His Ambassadors** to our world. We are Called to continue the task Jesus first accepted. Now the **Spirit of the Lord is upon us and has anointed us** to do what Jesus did. As we go about doing His will stories of God's grace begin to unfold.

Here are some of those stories.



Invitation to receive "Christ the Lord"

Almost 100 women are seated and encircled in the chapel. Heads are bowed and eyes are

closed. Jesus is arresting their hearts. The Spirit of God through me and my interpreter Maruja are asking every woman to pray the sinners prayer. They respond to the Holy Spirit. Many gave their hearts to him for the first time, others recommitted their lives. We gave each woman a bible and study material. More women are committing to our Friday am chapel services.



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Personal Note...

Some of you have been asking about Christmas with Josh & Tyla & Tajja-Lynn. We were able to enjoy a brief "Christmas moment" in November when we were in Canada for missions meetings. We were also in time to celebrate Tajja-Lynn's 1st birthday, it did our Grandparents heart well!

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Party Begins...

Women arriving at the prison chapel are excited about the celebration! The woman are building strong bonds of friendship with us. This helps us minister more effectively. We are joined by women from all over the world. From left to right inmates are from England, USA, and Panama. Next to me, in the red sweater, is Jackie one of my leaders.

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Two Children Dedicated to Jesus...

...a new born baby, (center) and toddler (far right) are not allowed to stay with their mothers. They are brought in by family members when they can, and only for a few hours. We prayed a prayer of dedication over these children. Through your generosity we have been able to supply the baby with formula & diapers which is very expensive, actually impossible for Blanca, her mother, to buy.



Grand Finale...Gifts for All!

Julie (center) is helping give all the women in the chapel gifts that were made possible by your giving. It's so important to give to the whole woman. Spirit, soul and body recieved from the Lord on this very special day. We were also able to give candy bags to the security guards...which they really appreciate.

We are pleased to share with you the great things the Lord is doing.

We pray God is your provision, your peace and your power now and throughout 2009.

Join us in the New Year for a Change of a Life Time!

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