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Dear Pastor,

*"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."* Rev. 21:5

The beginning of a new year is a testimony to how the Lord is the maker of new things. He gives a new heart, spirit and song to those who trust the Saviour. We have now completed seven years of ministry here and continue to try and communicate the gospel which gives newness of life. While the events of our life seem to repeat themselves, we continue to look for God's work of making new creatures in Christ.

1. We have continued to have our mid-week Bible study. In the current series of lessons, we have covered the topics of: The two natures of the believer; The Holy Spirit, Prayer, and Demonology. Our next topic is Biblical separation. Please pray for the Lord to bring these truths to light in the lives of those attending. The attendance has fluctuated but there are several still attending regularly.

2. We had our annual "Christmas and Carols Meal" in the middle of December. Even with some last-minute cancellations, the Lord allowed us to have our highest

attendance for any event or service with a total of 47. Our family is included in that number but we also had ten first-time visitors. Seven of these were contacts made in the town center market ministry. Two of the visitors have attended additional services with one planning to attend regularly. It was a great opportunity to magnify the Saviour and all who attended made positive comments. One lady said that it was the first time that she ever had a positive experience in a "religious" gathering. Please pray that we can continue to be a witness to these new contacts.

3. Addie has continued the monthly ladies meetings with an increase in attendance. Along with a Bible study, the previous meetings also included: a fall craft, a cookie exchange, and a gift exchange. The ladies also had an outing to a nearby farm shop. This month's activity is a "clutter trade". Please pray that these ladies will come to know the Lord and also develop godly relationships with one another.

4. At the end of each year, we have been giving out scripture calendars. This year we passed out 200. There are several people who have received them in the past and are happy to see that we

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1. Mid-week Bible Study
2. Christmas Meal
3. Ladies Meetings
4. Calendars & leaflets
5. Thanks

are still doing it. Please pray that the scriptures will impact their lives and lead them to salvation.

We were able to also put a leaflet in over 7,600 households last year. We have about 3,000 more to do to finish the whole town. This is our seventh time putting out leaflets and it is our prayer that they will be an ongoing witness to those that we may not be able to speak to in person.

5. We are blessed to have so many faithful individuals praying for us and supporting us through their local churches. We are thankful for the thoughtful birthday cards throughout the year. Your gifts at Christmas are also a great blessing to us. Thank you again for "holding the ropes".

### On-going Prayer Needs

- Revival in the US and the UK
- British men, women, and children to come to Christ
- Our family to be in the center of God's will
- Church growth

**"Jesus is our strength, and what we cannot do or bear, He can both do and bear in us."** Hudson Taylor