

KING OF KINGS * PRINCE OF PEACE *

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“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed” (Luke 2:1). “But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

National leaders have been issuing decrees since governments appeared. I suppose the usual reaction is, “What do they want now and how much will it cost?” The decree from Caesar may have been about his desires, but he was actually putting feet to God’s plans. It is reassuring to know that our God is in control of history and politics.

It is helpful to remember God’s sovereignty at this time in Haiti’s political life. The recent presidential elections were marred by fraud and favoritism. People rioted in several locations, and there is distrust of the current leadership. The election results are scheduled to be posted on December 20.

Epidemics can be dangerous, especially if a serious disease attacks a previously unexposed population. That has happened in Haiti with the introduction of cholera. Many have died, and it sounds like resources for treatment are low in some areas. I will be taking extra supplies to meet this need when I return to Haiti in early January 2011.

Joseph and Mary traveled more than 65 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, probably on foot. I am grateful when I think about the rapid, comfortable transportation we have now. Friends provided a car in late October. I put more than 5000 miles on it by late November, with visits to churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, and another 1600 miles with a trip to southern Florida in early December. It has been a privilege to report to supporting churches and pastors, speak to students, renew friendships, meet new people, and make new contacts.

Praise Generous gifts from churches are making it possible to pay for the large order of medicines and medical supplies I will take with me.

Prayer Cholera has spread throughout Haiti. Please pray for help for the living and comfort for those who have lost family members to disease.

Theft and kidnapping have increased. Please pray that Christians will put their entire trust in God during these difficult days, and will, by their testimonies, attract unbelievers to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In ways far beyond our comprehension, God allows individuals to make choices but uses those to accomplish His will. That was true for the birth of our Savior, as well as for His death and resurrection. Even as we celebrate our Lord’s first coming, we confidently look forward to His promised, already-planned return. Hallelujah!

Have a blessed Christmas!

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“For GOD so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten SON...”
JOHN 3:16 KJV

JESUS

* LORD OF LORDS * IMMANUEL * SON OF DAVID *

* MIGHTY GOD * BRIGHT MORNING STAR *