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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from The Pelletiers

At this wonderful time of the year, we wish to stop for just a moment to thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support throughout the past year. We have experienced much joy, a little sadness, great victories and minor defeats, real trials and wonderful blessings. Through it all, the Lord has been gracious and good, as always. What a great God we serve.

When we last wrote, I asked you to pray for Samuel, an 11 year old boy who had received Christ as his Savior on the first night of our annual Bible club. His mother is apparently very closed to the Gospel and has refused to allow him to return. We are convinced that his decision was genuine. Please pray that the Lord will intervene to allow for Samuel's return, and that, in the meantime, he would faithfully spend time reading the Bible we were able to give him in order to grow spiritually.

Many of you are already aware of my recent medical trial. On Tuesday, December 6, while eating lunch with our church deacon, I suffered a transient ischemic attack (otherwise known as a mini-stroke). The symptoms lasted for a few hours, and by God's grace, the whole incident passed without leaving any major damage or ongoing effects. Further research will be done to determine the cause of the attack, but the condition is currently being treated with medication in order to prevent future attacks. We have received many encouraging messages from folks who have also either suffered t.i.a.s themselves, or who have had family members go through the same trial, without further incident. We are praying that this may be the case for me as well, as we have a great desire to continue in service for the Lord.

As we began our last prayer letter with the encouraging news of Samuel's decision for salvation, we close this one with a similar story. On Sunday, December 18, we had the joy of seeing another young man come into the family of God. Seneque, a Haitian man in his 20s, also came to accept Christ as his personal Savior following our Christmas program. His mother has been praying for him for years, and we had recently had the opportunity to witness to him in great detail. What a joy it was to see him place his faith and trust in Jesus Christ, just as we were gathering to celebrate His birth. What a merry Christmas this will be for him, and for his dear mother, as they now share God's wonderful gift of salvation. Thank you for sending and keeping us here, for just a time as this.

May the Lord bless each of you with a wonderful Christmas season.

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