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Dear Prayer Partners in the Ministry,

Luke 2:6, 7 *“And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”*

Is it not interesting that God foretold the birth of His Son in the very Book of Beginnings but did not make a reservation for His Son's earthly parents at the Bethlehem Inn? No, no, it was by the providence of God His Son was born in a stable and laid in a manger where the farm animals fed. Is there anything to learn from this? Matthew Henry wrote “It was an instance of the humiliation of our Lord Jesus. We were become by sin like an out-cast infant, helpless and forlorn; and such a one Christ was. Thus he would answer the type of Moses, the great prophet and lawgiver of the Old Testament, who was in his infancy cast out in an ark of bulrushes, as Christ in a manger. Christ would hereby put a contempt upon all worldly glory, and teach us to slight it. Since his own received him not, let us not think it strange if they receive us not.” James 4:6 “.... *Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*”

We had a good Thanksgiving with our son Jonathan and his family plus Bob and Elizabeth out for dinner. Bob and Elizabeth's son, David, and 16 year old nephew, Nicholas, came as well. All four of these people are unsaved and we trust the Lord will use something from that evening to awaken their heart to spiritual things.

Another year is almost gone. How did you fare this past year? Did you get discouraged and think of quitting? Most of us have probably had such thoughts at some time. However, consider what Gertrude Grace Sanborn wrote in the following poem;

If you're discontented and unhappy
And your place and purpose grows dim,
There is always a ship at Joppa
If you don't want to stay and win.

If you turn from the task at present
To follow the beckoning star,
There is always a ship at Joppa
To take you from where you are.

But you'll miss the blessing He gives you
If you wander away from His place;
For there's a fare to be paid at Joppa
If you do not remain in your place.

As 2010 moves off the scene and 2011 moves in, what lies ahead? The first thing that must be mentioned is that our twelfth grandchild will be born in January. We will inform you as to whether it is a boy or girl.

Some goals which we ask that you pray with us for the New Year are:

1. Form a committee for a community radio station in Dubbo. Bob is very interested and we think he will be a big help as he is now retired.
2. Continue on community radio War FM Gilgandra three hours per week. War FM is now on the internet at <http://989warfm.com/>. Our programmes are from 2-4pm Friday and 1 -2 pm Sunday but we will leave it to you to figure out the time difference. Some have had difficulty listening so try again if you do have trouble. We missed the last few programmes because the roads were closed between Dubbo and Gilgandra due to flooding.

3. Souls saved from the radio and tract ministries. December was the month the physical drought broke here in regional Australia and we are asking the Lord that 2011 will be the year the spiritual drought will be broken with souls saved and becoming disciples. Here are some photos of the recent flooding.



December, 2010 flooding in Dubbo. The building in the background is the Welcome Centre.

The Dubbo Regional Library



under water.

Thank you for your prayers and support during the past year. Colossians 1: 3 *“We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.”* 1John 2:28 *“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”*

Your Missionaries to Australia,
David and Pam Bennett