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*"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior." Titus 3:4-6*

I truly hope that these verses resonate with you this Christmas season. The birth of our Lord was a shining light in the history of this world and still shines into the present and on to the future as well. It is so easy to focus on our current circumstance, what is happening in our "little bubble" right at this very moment. But if we have placed our trust in Him as our Savior, then His viewpoint should be our viewpoint. He did what He did for us because of His mercy.

Mercy – undeserved favor and kindness. Our world desperately needs to see more of that in action. Even as believers it is too easy to get sucked into the hatred that is expressed every day, not just around the world, but even here at home. Hatred against all things related to God. But there is one big difference between us and everyone else - we have the truth of the Gospel living within us. We have His mercy and kindness that has already been shown in abundance in our lives.

This Christmas season I hope you choose to reflect that mercy and kindness in every circumstance of your life. Show others that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is not only real, but He is reaching out to them with the same message of hope – that there is real peace that can be found in Him.

Our year has been filled with challenges, but also with many blessings, and we would like to share some of the following highlights from this year, for which we give Him all the praise and glory:

- A major prayer request was answered with the addition of John Williams and family to the staff at Siloam with a focus on Buildings' Maintenance. He brings several years of construction experience to our maintenance team.
- The successful completion of the renovation of a home for the Williams family. While it is not on the main property, it is just six miles down the road and use of the home is being donated to Siloam.
- The sink hole in the parking lot has been repaired with a better product than was originally in the ground – and it is all paid for as well!
- We have had an amazing group of families on the property this year and the fellowship and interaction has been very special over the last few months.

We here at Siloam are so grateful for your prayers and faithful support. We have seen prayer after prayer answered by all of you pitching in and contributing in whatever way God leads – and as always, He is a faithful God who always provides. Let us share a gracious and merciful spirit with family and friends and let the Gospel shine forth in our lives in the coming days.

Praying you will have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

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