

Barrette's Christmas letter

Dear friends:

We are deep into the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas but wanted to take the time to extend our very sincerest wishes to you all for a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

This Fall our Overcomers program got off to a rough start as we lost two of our key helpers. We wondered if it was time to quit and then when we put out the word to our local Handi*Camp staff we gained more helpers than we have ever had before. We are so thankful for supportive friends. Our participants look forward each month to getting together and they love to take an active role in our Bible Dramas, crafts and coffee and snack time for sure!

This Summer and Fall, before, during and after Handi*Camp we were assailed from all sides with health difficulties and deep unspeakable trials. We wondered if this should be our last Handi*Camp. Totally depleted, we contacted our Board and the Missions Committee. How could we carry on? The tender, non-judgmental encouragement we received was overwhelming. We are so thankful for the body of Christ and for those that God has placed in leadership over us.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

...We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it...But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God who raises the dead and he did rescue us and will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him ... and you are helping us by praying for us...Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for us. .

We know that God is there to give us strength when ours is gone and especially at this Christmas time we take comfort in one of the names for Jesus which is...EMMANUEL...which means God with us...and since He is with us, we will press on!

Lots of love,

Daniel and Lauri Barrette and girls