Dear Friends and Supporters,

I was recently wrapping Christmas gifts and listening to my Christmas playlist when these words came up in a song, "Greeting cards have all been sent, the Christmas rush is through, but I still have one wish to make, a special one for you, Merry Christmas . . ." or as we say here in Ireland, "Nollaig Shona!"

I am indeed reaching the end of my Christmas rush, and these past few weeks have been busy ones. We wrapped up our Kids Klub for the year last week with the best Christmas party/prize-giving ever. (photos attached) The kids have worked hard coming faithfully, bringing visitors, and saying Bible verses. They were rewarded with a wonderful assortment of prizes to choose from in our Christmas Shoppe thanks to the many contributions from supporters and church members. The lesson focused on the symbols of Christmas and how we can use them to share the true meaning of Christmas with our families and friends.

Now we turn our attention to our Carol service. Normally a church outreach for us, this will be the first one since the Covid lockdown mostly due to the loss of our pastor and a lack of organization. Thankfully, this year our song leader has stepped up and together we have the service planned. Our Carol service is usually in the evening, but due to scheduling conflicts we are making it our morning service on Christmas Eve. Everyone is excited about inviting their family and friends. Please pray we have many visitors and the true meaning of Christmas will be shared.

Some have written and asked about my health and for news on our house hunt. While my knees are still giving me trouble (mostly due to arthritis), the pain has improved and is manageable.

We have looked at several houses but so far nothing definite has come our way. Of course this is not a good time of year for house hunting so we will wait and intensify our search in the new year. Every time I become discouraged, God brings Jeremiah 29:11 to mind. I also read in my devotions lately from Mark 11:13-33. Verse 24 stood out—“Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” I have written both of these verses out and posted them in two prominent places to remind me every day that God has this situation well in hand—His Hand. And it is my desire and prayer that God do something to show Himself mighty to my friends and family who need to see Him that way!

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Sharing Christ with the world,

Mary Parrow

James 1:17