

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas everyone. I hope this finds you well. The Lyons family would like to send you greetings and expressions of gratitude for each of you. We are so very grateful for your prayers, support, friendships, and partnerships in the ministry the Lord has entrusted to us. Like many of you, we assume, it has been a year of victory and trials, joys and loss, lives changed and so much more to be done. We hope that this Christmas season and this coming year you would sense the Lord's nearness, even in the darkest times.

A few years ago, I (David) preached a message about it being a silent night and a holy night. You see, Jesus was born at a time about 400 years after the last prophet "spoke" in the book of Malachi in the Old Testament. It seemed God had been silent for a long time. Did God see His people? Did God see the oppressive Romans? And in that very place, God spoke. Not only did he speak, but He sent His Son to be the Word made flesh. Like the old Christmas Carol says, "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, until He appeared...a thrill of hope; a weary world rejoices." How about you? Are you weary? Are you in the dark pining (groaning)? Does it seem that God is "out there" somewhere but not involved in your life? We pray He be more real to you this Christmas season than ever before.



Merry Christmas from David, Rachael, Rylie (8), Evelyn (7), Shiloh (5), and Liam (22 months).