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Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Php 4:4–7 NKJV)

Wow, Christmas is next week, but before that is my birthday, Monday, the 22nd. Usually, expats here in Brussels have gone to their home countries by then, but one friend is hanging around to take me to lunch Monday. How nice.

The European Prayer Breakfast was again the first week of December, which brings visitors and former employees of the European Parliament. I was able to see and spend a little time with a couple of my long-time friends, Marino (from Macedonia) and Zlatko (from Slovakia) while they were here that week.

The following Saturday we had an **Activating the Prophetic day** at my church. I gave a couple of words or pictures when appropriate, and I received prophetic words from others. It was a good time of connecting with some of the team members who came from the South of France to encourage us. Plus, we took

some time to pray for Brussels and the government that still needs to be formed more than a year after the national elections.

I am so thankful for all the gifts I receive monthly. Thank you for your faithfulness.

As we end 2025, I still have some outstanding bills from my travels to the US in the Fall. I would love to start the new year without any debts and even begin saving for next year's extra expenses. Would you please consider giving a YEAR-END gift to help settle those extra costs?

You can do so **through the FIRE International website** mentioned below to my name. Or you can give **through the FIRE International app** downloadable from Play Store to your Android smartphone or via the Apple Store to your iPhone.

Let's keep our eyes on Jesus, being thankful for what He has done for us and having hope for what He can do for us. Rather than looking for the light at the end of the tunnel, may we keep our eyes on Him IN the midst of the tunnel.

Blessing you with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joyeux Noël! Zegen Kerstdag!

May God's Kingdom come here on earth as it is in Heaven!

I love and appreciate each of you.

Love, Carol

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