

Dear Friends,

Here comes 2009. I would like to join you in rejoicing for the coming of the year 2009. However we welcome it with its joys and challenges. We also don't need to forget its twin sister 2008 who has gone behinds where it will also go.

We as a family would like to thank you for your moral support in the year 2008. We have enjoyed meeting you in body and but also the encouraging mail and sometimes phone calls through our dear friend the modern tech.

Both at home and at work we have had both hard and good/simple times which we have at times shared with you in the interest of standing with us in prayer which you have done so faithfully. So thanks alot for being real friends and do the same even in 2009.

We have had a good time over Christmas because "dad" has managed to be off from IN work and studies from 19th Dec to 4th Jan though he has often escaped to office. Deborah too took her annual leave and all the children have been at home. We have all enjoyed that time to play , visit, walk eat and drink but also just to be together.

This has nearly been impossible especially since I started that course.

For example on the 30th Dec Deborah went with me to the IN projects, this I enjoyed for its not so possible on " normal" times. The previous we had encouraged our children to give all the cloths they didnt use and we added on ours. So as we drove in our small car we stopped now and then to give the clothes to the needy families. That was such a great joy and satisfaction.

On 31st Dec I drove around to look for elderly members of our fellowship who are needy too and I took them a kilo of meat and 2 kilos of rice plus salt from our fellowship as a new years greeting. This was something that I enjoyed too; to see these people's joy and love for the Lord inspite of the circumstances.

On 1st I had to speak (Anglicans call it preach) in 3 services at my church. My message was centred on Giving thanks to God. I used Psalm 107. In this text the psalmist was looking at the journey of the Isralites from Egypt and what they went through, which was a justification for them to thank God. I used this too tell my people that a years journey is like that travel from Egypt to Canan. It was good to see that in all circumstances the Lord delivered them.

Eg Through the desert experiences; its scarsties and needs, He provided food and water.

Through diseases , he healed them.

Through the enemies he fought for them and delivered them.

Through captive he set them free and

Through the sea he provided a way or he calmed the tides

Therefore LET US THANK GOD FOR HIS UNFAILING LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS TO US THROUGH 2008.

But also look to him for 2009 He will take us through too.

So we would like to wish you a blessed 2009

Justus & Deborah + Damalie + Daniel + Deborah