



FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU
good tidings of great joy,
WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

5 Crowndale Drive, Taylors, South Carolina
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LUKE 2:10

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day..." (Luke 4:16) "And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?" (Luke 4:22)

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary...?" (Mark 6:3)

Many of us have had the experience of visiting or moving to a new area and hearing someone say, "You're not from here, are you." A statement, not a question, usually because of the way we pronounced the name of a town in the area. We may be accepted, but it could be years before we feel we belong to that particular place.

Jesus was born in a particular place, Bethlehem, an arrival announced years before but still unexpected. He grew up in Nazareth, and was so much a "local" that the townspeople could not see that He was more than just a son, a good man, and a carpenter. They were surprised at His authoritative teaching, gracious words, and mighty works, but could not get past the man they thought they knew. We know that He was Emmanuel, God with us, the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 and many other prophecies. In fairness, I wonder if I would have had as hard a time believing Jesus was the Christ if I had grown up in the same town with Him.

Praise I traveled from Greenville, South Carolina, to Lansing, Michigan, on December 16. It was the first long trip since my accident in September, and it went fairly well. It is easy to see now that the trip in October would not have been wise, even though I was disappointed to miss the annual Baptist World Mission meeting and see friends at the church where that was held.

The medications and supplies I sent to Haiti arrived safely. One person let me know that the medications I sent worked very well compared to what she had bought at a local pharmacy.

Prayer The gangs in Haiti are in control of most of the central area, the "waist" from Port-au-Prince to the Dominican border. Now they are expanding their operations northward. They want power and money; they need conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment. They need to repent and place their faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray for Christians, especially those in areas attacked by gangs.

Jesus Christ came to us, lived with us, and showed us the Father. The amazing truth is that the Father wants us to come and live with Him and be His people, not for a few short years but for eternity. Our Savior opened the way to the Father through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the tomb. Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ Who was and is fully God and fully man, our Emmanuel.

May you know God's blessings wherever you may be during this holiday season.

Dr. Anne

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)
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