

# Merry Christmas



Hello again from the mission field of Big Horn County, Montana,

It is that time of year when we get to reflect on all of God's blessings from the previous year and anticipate celebrating the day of his birth. If He had not come as the babe in the manger, He could never have become the Savior on the cross! It is my prayer that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration remembering to give God credit for all of the great things he has done in your lives. In our church service on Wednesday evening I preached on Moses and Miriam's song describing how God had thrown the horse and rider into the sea. Using the topic of "Reflections", we had a time of reflection and shared the great things God has done for our church family and where he has brought each one of us from. This service went way past quitting time, but we had a great time in the Lord. We were privileged to have 20 family members over to our home to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Around the table we had a time of reflection and prayer with each one present, (even those who are yet unsaved) thanking God for something he had done in their lives. With everyone pitching in and bringing a little, everyone had plenty.

For those of you who helped with Rose's hearing aid expense, I say thank you very much. We still owe some, but God willing we can make payments on the balance. For those of you that will be and have already sent a Christmas gift, thank you so very much. We are so undeserving of your love and support! Praise God for His goodness, we have made it another year!

God has decided it is once again time to say "good-bye" to one of our most faithful families. He is our Adult SS Teacher and has been a help to me in the ministry. It seems every time we get someone to the place they are able to help shoulder some of the load, God decides to send them somewhere else. He and his family of five will be transferring to the city of Craig, Alaska where he will be working for the city of Craig. I understand the small church there is struggling, so I'm sure he and his family will be a great encouragement to them financially and spiritually. I know God has a plan and a purpose, but honestly, sometime it does get discouraging.

With the departure of Russ and his family God has sent two more families to begin working with. One of the families is a man and his wife, both retired military, both unsaved, and are my new neighbors. Pray that the truth of the gospel will touch their hearts. The other family is a man and his two children. I have been working with them for years. They finally started coming to church, got saved, and are becoming more faithful each week.

Someday soon since we cannot afford to travel back to all of you who help with this ministry, I am going to try to learn how to put together a video presentation to send. If you have ideas on the most efficient, least expensive way to do this, feel free to email me. [Pastorrb@hughes.net](mailto:Pastorrb@hughes.net) If you would like view our preaching services, you can find some of them on YouTube. Faith Independent Hardin is the address.

Wishing you God's best during this holiday season and the upcoming new year!

Randy & Rose Barnes, your witnesses here in Montana!