



# *The Parish Visitor*

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*January, 2017*

## **In Memoriam (Ring out, Wild Bells)**

Lord Alfred Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more,  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

*Dear Friends,*

*As we ring in the New Year - whatever our traditions may be - Tennyson also calls us to ring out the old, not just because it is old, but because it is past; and we are called to live in better, nobler ways. It is time for renewal.*

*This year, may we ring in and fully embrace ways that show the world the ways of Christ, not leaving Jesus in the manger, but allowing him to grow fully in our lives. We should recognize that when we call him Lord, we are pledging our allegiance to him alone and our faithfulness to his ways of truth and peace.*

*May the bells of Christmas ring loudly in our lives and throughout the New Year, as we learn to follow this One who embraces our humanity and calls it good.*

*Blessings to all in this New Year,*

*Pastor Gioia*



# OUR CHURCH TODAY

## JANUARY CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	<b>New Years Day Worship - Communion</b> Remembrance Sunday 10 am	<b>16</b>	Martin Luther King holiday Church Office closed
<b>4</b>	Bible Study 10 am	<b>17</b>	Consistory 7:15 pm Boy Scout Troop #65 Committee 7:30 pm
<b>5</b>	Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>“Parish Visitor” articles due</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
<b>7</b>	Elders’ Membership Review		
<b>8</b>	<b>Epiphany Worship</b> 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am Epiphany Classis program 3:30 pm*	<b>22</b>	<b>Worship</b> with installation of Elder and Deacon 10 am* Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am
<b>10</b>	Decorations Storage/Worship/Music 10am* Finance Committee 7:15 pm	<b>25</b>	Bible Study 10 am
<b>11</b>	Bible Study 10 am	<b>26</b>	Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
<b>12</b>	<b>Consistory reports due</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>Worship</b> 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am
<b>15</b>	<b>Worship</b> Welcoming New Members 10am* Sunday School 10:15 am Chime Choir 11:30 am Girl Scout Troop 10524 5 pm Venture Crew 65 7 pm		
			<i>*Indicates article within newsletter</i>

Please submit articles for the February “Parish Visitor” to the Church Office email address [office@fishkillreformed.org](mailto:office@fishkillreformed.org) by January 19. Thank you.

**Church Calendar** – Before scheduling a meeting or event at First Reformed Church, please contact Pat in the Church Office to check availability on the church calendar.

**Sunday Bulletin Announcements** – Please submit your information to the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the next Sunday bulletin.

**Prayer Chain** - To be added to the church prayer chain or to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please contact Liz Alexander at [mrsvquest@aol.com](mailto:mrsvquest@aol.com)

**Worship service broadcasts** - 7:00 pm, Sunday evenings on Cablevision Channel 21.

**Church website** includes the Church newsletters, worship service links, church history and Facebook: [www.fishkillreformed.org](http://www.fishkillreformed.org).

**All Treasurer-related Emails** should be sent to (Roy Carruthers at): [frctreasurer@optimum.net](mailto:frctreasurer@optimum.net)



**Sanctuary Flowers** - to place flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up on the 2017 flower chart on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. The cost is \$40 a Sunday, payable to “Women of the Reformed Church,” at the time they are placed. Thank you for enhancing our worship with your gift.

## **Consistory Notes – December, 2016**

- Deacon Faith Schwenker led devotions on the theme of miracles that are all around us. Her grandson said he was grateful for baby Jesus being born, so we could all get to heaven - an epiphany we need to share during this season of Advent. Also remembering what gifts are treasured most, as told in O’Henry’s story, “Gift of the Magi.” Pastor Gloria closed in prayer.
- Responding to our Consecrating Stewards program, 76 households have made financial pledges for 2017.
- Annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, during coffee hour.
- New members will be received by the congregation on Sunday, January 15th.
- Elders will review the membership rolls, as per our Book of Church Order, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The furnace in the parsonage on Patricia Ave. has been cleaned and repaired and a new gas boiler was installed in the DuBois House.
- Consistory is finalizing the 2017 budget.
- Treasurer reports Year to End Revenues as of November 30<sup>th</sup> at \$221,306 and Year To End Expenses at \$227,039.

### **If you need temporary transportation, a meal delivered, a visit or a phone call, please contact a deacon:**

Heather Hansen, Fishkill

Joan Gorba, Poughkeepsie

John Houston, Hopewell Jct.

Sally LeDioyt, Fishkill

Stan Saya, Wappingers Falls

Faith Schwenker, Fishkill

### **If you would like to receive home communion or a pastoral care visit, please contact an elder:**

Dana Cramer, Poughkeepsie

MaryAnn Fellin, Fishkill

Phyllis Lake, Beacon

Jan Melichar-Utter, Stormville

Ray Van Voorhis, LaGrange

Jay Wright, Fishkill

## **New Consistory Members for 2017**

Office of Elder– Ruth Porter grew up in Oregon and Washington, the daughter of a minister. Ruth and her husband, Don, joined the church in 2008, after moving up from White Plains. A primary school teacher, she also worked at a group home for developmentally disabled adults in Tarrytown. Ruth has served as Elder, CCS board member, and co-chaired the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. She is part of the senior choir and chime choir.

Office of Deacon– James “Jim” Butcher is a lifelong Fishkill area resident, except for a couple of years in North Carolina. A former cook at Blueberry Hill in Fishkill and Copperfield’s in Millbrook, Jim was a counselor at a group home in Brewster. A licensed practical nursing graduate, a severe back injury prevents him from working in the field. Jim has previously served as a Deacon, organizes the annual blanket drive for SPCA and helps with the Food Pantry food drives.

Ruth and Jim will be installed during the January 22nd worship service.



# COFFEE HOUR

Everyone is invited to join our coffee hour following Sunday worship. This time is made possible by rotating the responsibility throughout the congregation, while each week Laura Dachenhausen and Dorrie Hansen set up the coffee pots.

Below is the list of monthly coffee hour hosts. The first name on the list is responsible for calling the others and coordinating what each brings, including milk and juice. The hosts divide up the tasks, which includes set up, refills and cleanup of kitchen, tables, serving dishes, and coffee pots. All tables and countertops need to be wiped down with the water/bleach solution, and used dishtowels taken home, washed and returned the following week.

Since we all have different abilities and limitations, let's not hesitate to offer a helping hand, even when it's not "my turn" by bussing our own table. This will help keep coffee hour running smoothly.

Karen Twohig schedules coffee hour, so contact her regarding having your name added or if you have any concerns about your ability to do Coffee Hour due to health or other large issues.

If you are not able to do the coffee hour on your scheduled date, please find a replacement, then let the lead host and church office know the name of your replacement.

*Anyone planning to bring food to coffee hour for a special occasion should notify the host of that date.*  
Thank you!

## Hosts and Hostesses for January and February

### *January*

- 1** Leftover Cookie Fest - Twohig, Utter
- 8** **Lanni**, Smith-Cliffe, Schallenberg
- 15** **Wright**, Schwenker, Lake
- 22** **Doerr**, D. Hansen, Skinner
- 29** **Hughes**, Alexander, Fellin

### *February*

- 5** **Boy Scout Troop/Venture Crew 65**
- 12** **Winkler**, Cramer, Siegel
- 19** **Gorba**, Chao, Serra
- 26** **Dachenhausen**, H. Hansen, Rudberg

### From the Worship Committee: Readers & Greeters for January, 2017

- January 1** Reader - Helene Wright
- January 8** - Greeters - Johanna and Claire Houston  
Reader - Claire Houston
- January 15** - Greeters - John and Toni Houston  
Reader - Toni Houston
- January 22** - Greeters - Dana Cramer and Jan Lane  
Reader - Juanita McCoy
- January 29** - Greeters - Stan and Lola Saya  
Reader - Lola Saya

# BULLETIN BOARD



## Epiphany Sunday

The 12 days of Christmas conclude on Epiphany, a day when the church recognizes the Wise Men meeting the one called the King of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Epiphany preacher on January 8<sup>th</sup> will be Rev. Greg Town, Minister for Renewal and Revitalization in the RCA Regional Synod of New York. In the afternoon, folks from the area RCA churches will be invited for an informal presentation by Greg and light refreshments. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and learn what great things are happening in the RCA!

## Music and Worship

*Christmas Decorations Storage Day* is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 am. All are welcome and needed to help take down and store the Christmas decorations for the 2017 Advent season. Coffee and hot chocolate for all! **The Worship and Music Committee** will meet afterwards.

## We Welcome the New Members of the First Reformed Church

The following people were received into church membership by the elders on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The congregation will receive them on January 15, 2017.

**Emily Richmond** was born in Riverside, California and has also lived in Oregon and Washington. She now lives in Poughkeepsie and is active in St. Martin's Senior Center. Emily knits and crochets, plays the piano and pinochle, and provides after school care for her granddaughters. She grew up in the Presbyterian Church. Emily is a member of the senior choir and chime choir.

**William "Bill" Resling** has lived in Fishkill his entire life and taught in elementary and special education for 33 years. He is a licensed pastor in the United Methodist Church and has served a number of Methodist churches in the area, prior to retiring in 2010. Prior to major surgeries in the past 4 years, Bill was very active at the Fishkill Methodist Church, the Salvation Army and the Blodgett Memorial Library. He has been married to Rev. Darlene Resling for 41 years, who pastors the Highland Mills and Mountainville UM Churches. Bill began attending in January 2015, and has been active in the Wednesday Bible Studies.

**Jane Jones** was baptized at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn and grew up in Yonkers, where she attended the Reformed Church, sang in the choir and taught nursery school. She has 3 adult children. Retired now, she works around home and likes to sew. Jane helps out her daughter a lot and bakes and cooks. She has some limited mobility due to health issues. She and Ron live in Wappingers Falls.

**Ron Jones** was born in Lickdale, PA and was baptized at the Holy Christian Church in Highland, NY. He has lived in a multiple states as he was raised in foster homes and orphanages. Ron has 2 adult sons. Retired now, Ron does work around the home and also work at the mobile home park. From 1950-53, Ron served in the Calvary Unit in Korea. This is the first time Ron has become a member of a church.

**John C. Cliffe** is a lifelong resident in White Plains, New York. He graduated from Clarkson with a degree in Electrical Engineering. John works at the Castle Point and Montrose Campuses of the VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System, as Chief Engineer. His hobbies include golfing, swimming, biking and hiking. John's attended The Memorial Community Church of West Harrison. He enjoys growing vegetables, all types of gardening, wood crafting, and working with his hands. John and Brenda also like to travel.

**Brenda J. Smith** grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana and was baptized at Galilee Baptist Church. Adopted by the Ross family, she attended Catholic school and church and lived in group home until she moved to New York. Brenda started at the VA in Montrose in 1972, working in Medical Supplies, budget clerk in Engineering and with Volunteer Services as a program specialist / budget clerk. Brenda has 4 kids, 11 grandkids and 4 great grands! She met John at the VA and they were best friends for a long time, then she fell in love with him because he accepted her for who she was. Brenda loves to read, listen to all kinds of music, travel and work with the Veterans. Her late husband, Rev. Bobby L. Smith, was a great father and provider.

## **Members in Hospitals/Care Facilities**

Helen Deneu, Wingate at Dutchess, 3 Summit Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524

Ruth Gallo, Wingate at Dutchess, Rm 223, 3 Summit Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524

Carol Lombardi, Elant in Fishkill, 22 Robert Kasin Way, Beacon, NY 12508

Ruth Stumpp, 79 Flint Rd. Apt. I-231, Millbrook, NY 12545

Murray Suggitt, Wingate at Dutchess 3 Summit Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524 (*going home early Jan.*)

### ***Members at Home***

Jean and George Corwin, 306 Woodmont Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Mary Magee, P.O. Box 223, Glenham, NY 12527k

Olga Rygiel, 126 Ivy Hill Rd., Fishkill, NY 12524

Carol Surico, 34 Aspen Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524

Ruth and Sigmund Wisst, 23 Sidney Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

### ***Members Out of the Area***

John & Shirley Kacur; 9 Tamarack La., Lyon Mountain, NY 12592

Maisie Minot; 994 Old Tusculum Rd., Springfield, GA 31329; [maisie.minot@gmail.com](mailto:maisie.minot@gmail.com)

Walt Saunders; Daisy House, 50 Cottage Grove Circle, North Chile, NY 14514

***Please remember with your prayers and notes those who are not able to worship with us every Sunday.***

*For additions or corrections, please contact the Church office.*

## **Counting Our Blessings**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts that you blessed me with on the Fourth Sunday of Advent! The basket of golf items leaves me with no excuse come our September outing, and you can hold me accountable if my car is dirty! The gift cards for Talbots and Macy's will be used with great joy and the beautiful painting of the church will remind me daily of how blessed I am to share the ministry of Jesus Christ with you. And a special thanks for giving a "Gift of Hope," by providing the gift of water to those who thirst. The precious "tree of life" necklace will be a blessing to wear. And yes, the Ben Franklins' will be used for something special. You have blessed me abundantly with your faithfulness, kindness, and good humor. I pray God's abundant love will flow over all of you in the New Year.

With love and thankfulness,

Pastor Gloria

Many thanks to all our church family members who have been so generous in preparing food and baking for our receptions and special occasions. Without your help we wouldn't be able to complete our missions.

God bless you all,

Dorrie Hansen on behalf of the Women of the Church

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH IN MISSION



## **Fishkill Food Pantry**

1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524

Phone 845 896-4546 Hours: M – F, 9 – 12

Everyone at the Fishkill Food Pantry has been working hard to meet increased need during the holiday season. Fortunately, our local community understands the need and was very generous in providing an increased amount of food & donations.

The Fishkill Police Cadets held their annual food drive for us at Walmart under the expert guidance of Detective Jason Betley. They collected 760 bags of food and over \$2000. This is our largest food drive of the year and we're always impressed to see these helpful, well-mannered young people in action.



We were fortunate to be able attend the annual St. Mary's Church Christmas Concert fundraiser, which featured their Adult, Bell, Children's and Contemporary Choirs, directed by Doug and Martha Sturomski. The Food Pantry was recipient of the concert proceeds. We were able to give the Sturomski's a tour of the food pantry and learned that this concert has raised over \$75,000 for the food pantry over the years

The Fishkill Business Association also came to tour the pantry. Following the tour, we

were their guests at Eleven 11 where the Peace Bell Foundation bell ringers performed. The Food Pantry was recipient of the 50/50 drawing proceeds.

We have had many food drives and donations recently-some very touching: former clients of the pantry who remember the kindness of our volunteers and want to give back, the man who collects bottles and cans and comes in handing us the money anonymously, the 2 six year olds who asked their parents to buy food for the pantry rather than buy them birthday gifts, as well as beautiful and encouraging notes children slip in the bags of food. These are the things that encourage us to go into the New Year with peace and hope.

*May your New Year be filled with good health, hope and peace.*



## **Children's Community Services News**



Jingle Bells, Rudolph, sparkles and surprises - this is a really exciting time of the year for all of the children here at CCS. There have been all sorts of wonderful smells from the piney smell of pine cones to the delicious smells of baking cookies.

Our preschool celebrated pajama day and collected new pajamas that were donated to Grace Smith House to be given out to families in need. The reward for this project was the joy expressed by the staff of that program for the donation.

Our After School children baked cookies to give to the police officers who are dedicated to keeping us safe every morning and afternoon as we cross the street. It was fun to see how they smiled when the children handed them these treats. We are also grateful for all they do to keep our community safe.

Thank you to those who supported our program by ordering Alps candy...It was really "SWEET" of you!!

On December 12th, the children in the 4 year old program had a sing-a-long with cookies and cocoa with their guests (parents). We will also had a visit from the jolly fellow from the North Pole on Tuesday, December 20th, and we are sure all of the preschoolers will have their wishes ready!

We wish everyone best wishes for the New Year!

Heather Hansen, Director of CCS

Contact school at 845 896-9876. Visit us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommunityservices.org/index>



## BSA Troop 65 & Venture Crew 65



VENTURING

Troop 65 hosted several Cub Scouts on their November campout on the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Westchester County. We had a beautiful day Saturday, November 19. Mother Nature reminded all of us why scouts should always “Be Prepared” on Sunday as we woke to 2” of snow on the ground and temperatures in the low 30’s. We still managed to complete several cooking requirements for a number of scouts and showed the Cub Scouts what happens on a scouting campout.



In December the troop spent a weekend camping at Camp Nooteeming in Pleasant Valley, reorganizing the Troop Trailer and enjoying the great outdoors. Our final popcorn show was Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fishkill Flea Market. Also in December, the Troop went ice skating at Bear Mountain Park and held our December Court of Honor with a Secret Santa gift exchange, a season favorite for the scouts.

In January we are planning an evening of bowling at the Fishkill Lanes and will go to the Gravity Vault in

Poughkeepsie. Several scouts in the troop will be able to get a start on the Climbing Merit Badge at this event. The Troop will also be running a station at the annual Eskimo Run for the Cub Scouts at Baird Park and will be camping at Camp Nooteeming.

From all of us at Boy Scout Troop 65 and Venture Crew 65, we wish you a Very Happy New Year. Thank you again for all your support.

If you would like more information regarding scouting opportunities, activities, or service projects, please refer to our websites at [www.troop65fishkill.scoutlander.com](http://www.troop65fishkill.scoutlander.com) or [www.crew65fishkill.scoutlander.com](http://www.crew65fishkill.scoutlander.com) or by contacting Frank Giusto, Scoutmaster & Venture Crew Adviser, at (845) 453-5706.

**Chartered Organization:** First Reformed Church, 1153 Main Street Fishkill, New York 12524

**Meetings:** Mondays 7:00-8:30 PM during the school year: Brinckerhoff Elementary School

## Our First Reformed Church-Sponsored RCA Missionaries

December 18, 2016

Dear Prayer Warrior,

Sharon and I want to thank you for all your prayers as we made a couple of trips to Iowa as we said our goodbyes to my mother. She is now rejoicing in heaven and worshiping at the feet of Jesus. In the midst of our sorrow we also want to celebrate the victory over death. As we enter into the Christmas season we want to share that message of victory with others. Again we thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support. May 2017 be a year full of blessings for you and yours.

*What Child Is This?*

*He, who is the Bread of Life, began His ministry hungering. He, who is the Water of Life, ended His ministry thirsty. Christ hungered as man, yet fed the multitudes as God. He was weary, yet He is our rest. He prayed, yet He hears our prayers. He was sold for 30 pieces of silver, yet He redeems sinners. He was led as a lamb to slaughter, yet he is the Good Shepherd. He died, and by dying destroyed death.*

Author unknown

Merry CHRISTmas

**Jacob “Jake” L. Moss** Interim Executive Director, Annville Institute/Grace Covenant Ministries

**Annville Institute/Grace Covenant Ministries** (Formerly known as Jackson County Ministries)

Please view their December newsletter posted on the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or visit their website: <http://www.annvilleinstitute.com>. or Facebook: [Jackson County Ministries](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyMinistries)



## Jeremy and Susan Beebout, Niger, Africa

To learn more, visit [www.RCA/Missions/Missionaryinformation](http://www.RCA/Missions/Missionaryinformation) & enter Beebout, or view the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ! As I write to you, I am sitting next to our beautiful Christmas tree, thankful for the joy and excitement of this season (even if our daytime highs are still over 100 degrees!) I've recently been reflecting on the bittersweet nature of our service for Christ, just as the first Christmas must have been a bittersweet time for God the Father. God chose to come to us as in the form of a baby, knowing the terrible ending from the beginning. Thank you, Lord, for giving yourself to open the way back to You and our true heavenly home!

In addition, there are now enough funds available to move forward with the clinic construction at Dogon Douchi, thanks to your gifts to Niger Medical Ministry and a contribution from another non-governmental organization (NGO), MADALA. In the coming days, the EERN is planning to evaluate the property to determine the best way to use it for the clinic, a planned primary school, and a garden. Once this is established, we can put things in motion for the construction of the wall that will secure the compound. Building a wall here is surprisingly expensive. If the property is not closed-in quickly it is at risk of being occupied by squatters or even taken and given to someone else. The EERN needs to enclose the entire 8 acre property to prevent this, and additional funding is being sought for this investment.

As the calendar year comes to a close, please consider a generous gift to insure this wall will be built for proper security for the clinic in Dogon Douchi and the entire EERN compound.

Online gifts should be made at <https://www.rca.org/node/5467>. Other gifts can be sent to the Reformed Church in America, 4500 60th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Please indicate in the memo portion of your check "**EERN/Niger Medical Ministry**".

It's exciting, albeit a little overwhelming, to be on the verge of a new and life-restoring venture the likes of Clinique Olivia. The future director of the new clinic, Dr. Hamadou, is currently learning the ins and outs of clinic management at Clinique Olivia. He's also just taken on a new role as husband after his marriage December 10! Please pray for him as well as for Dr. Yacouba, our previous director, who has now started his internal medicine residency.

As usual at this time of year, we are gearing up for visitors. In January we will host the Physical Therapy team from the University of Minnesota, followed by an ER doctor from Iowa in February. We are very excited that Jeremy's twin brother and his family will be spending a week with us just before Christmas. It will be wonderful to celebrate with family.

We have much to be thankful for in this season, but we are also reminded that the cost of ministry...the cost of life as a child of Christ...is high. I'm feeling the strain of being poured out for others, just as the Apostle Paul says multiple times (Phil. 2:17, 2 Tim. 4:6.) I know that these stresses are not unique to mission work. Life can be stressful and difficult wherever you find yourself! If we are trying to be satisfied and fulfilled in the things of this world, we will be disappointed. Twice in the last few weeks we've had toddlers die within minutes of arriving in our clinic. It is not fulfilling to place a child's body in his parents' arms. I have a boy with 6 heart chambers and a young woman with 3—we're meant to have 4--and only highly sophisticated surgery that isn't available in this part of the world could help them. I have friends and patients struggling with depression, infertility, and incurable illness. All I can do is bring them to the foot of the cross and pray for them. I'm thankful that you help us carry these burdens through your prayer and partnership in our ministry.

"And we know that our sacrifice is in no way comparable to that of Jesus, who poured out His very life for us. And so we rest in Him, asking that His grace, faith and love be poured out on us more abundantly." (1 Tim 1:14.)

It's a blessing to see hearts being softened to the Gospel, physical health being restored, and structures being built. We do have much to be thankful for, and to look forward to! We had a fruitful visit from our supervisor, Rev. Derrick Jones, in November. The nursing school building is taking form and there is funding not only to complete the first floor but also to get the first year of school started (goal) next October. Please pray for those involved in the development of the training curriculum and the selection of instructors for this school.

May you find peace, hope and comfort in the One who came and died for you.

Susan (for the Beebouts)

