

Dear friends,

I write to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas season. I am sure that I share in your joy in celebrating what our Gospel declares to be 'good news of great joy – for today a saviour has been born, he is Christ the Lord'. It is because of Jesus that we have our ministry, and it is also the reason that we declare boldly that Jesus is the true healer.

I feel as though no ministry is more acutely aware of this good news than those of us who have been through times of crisis, sickness and need. It has for so many of us been when we have been on our knees in our greatest weakness that we have cried out asking Jesus to meet us at our point of need – and he has not disappointed. It is Christmas that reminds us that God came to earth, clothed as a man, to seek and save the lost.



2008 has been a year of great celebration as we have seen God bless us daily with his provision of spiritual and physical healing, answered prayers (in so many ways!) and a growth in the knowledge of God. I wanted to share just a few of them with you:

- We had our 48th Anniversary where a large congregation of old and new friends attended a night of celebration and praise for all that God has achieved. Dorothy bird gave a history of the ministry from her 46 years and Valerie Kennedy testified to her family's joy of answered prayer.
- We have been running once a month a group called 'Overcomers Outreach' that shares with those struggling with addictions that Jesus is the true healer. This group has been blessed by God with regular numbers of over 30.
- Our monthly men's breakfast for those who work in the city.
- The exciting increase in numbers on Wednesday night and more particularly the numbers of new young people who are regularly attending.
- We invited the CEO of the Lupus Association to our Healing Service which they advertised to their members, where we prayed for them. We look forward to inviting other associations in 2009.
- We have expanded our prayer ministry each night with more opportunities for prayer and anointing.
- But best of all is the overwhelming numbers of people who call in each week for prayer support. We pray through these names in the service each week and we are encouraged by the way God answers each one of them!

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support this year of our ministry and let you know how richly we have been blessed. I particularly want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked so tirelessly with a servant heart in volunteering, supporting, praying and giving their time to the Healing Ministry in all of its many facets.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we look forward to 2009 and the many opportunities our God will send us to declare the name of Jesus and the healing found in his name. I am sure that you will look forward with me to seeing how God will surely glorify himself in 2009.

Please do have a wonderful Christmas as we celebrate the love of God.

In Christ, Reverend Christopher (and Sandra) Allan. (Christmas 2008)

