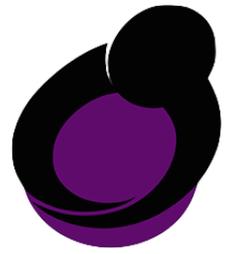


Feed Love Change International



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Dear Donors:

As I write this newsletter and look outside the snow is falling and we will indeed be having a white Christmas this year in Southwestern Ontario. I LOVE the snow and this time of year. I have been thinking a lot about Advent lately and what it represents. ***But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."*** (Luke 2:10,11). Christ has come into the world to save us and bring us joy, hope, peace and love. These are the four themes of Advent.

Sometimes in the busyness of life I can miss out on the rich meaning of these four themes of Advent. I have been contemplating what joy, hope, peace and love mean in my personal life and circumstances lately. My prayer is that I can live "in" these qualities more and more as Jesus intended for all of us.

Most of you are aware of the recent political events that have gripped Zimbabwe in the last month. President Robert Mugabe has been ousted and a new day is dawning for the people of Zimbabwe. You can imagine this brings some trepidation and uncertainty, however in my most recent communication with Jackson, he states that things are peaceful and generally the people are hopeful and anticipating a better future for their country overall.

Would you please join me in praying for our Zimbabwean friends in this season of transition - that they experience the joy, hope, peace and love of Jesus in a new and profound way?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our faithful donors, who have helped support our brothers and sisters in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Your donations are truly changing lives and bringing hope to people in need.

A special thank you to Heather Newman who has served as the treasurer for FLC for the past 5 years. She has recently stepped down and we will miss her but are so grateful for her many hours of work and faithful service. We are fortunate to have Tracey Rowland and Paul Shinkar stepping in to fulfill the role of treasurer moving forward.

As a reminder, tax receipts will be mailed out early February. Please contact me if you have any questions or if your mailing address has changed.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and may the joy, hope, peace and love of Advent surround you and your family this season.

Sincerely,

Carolyn McIlwraith

And what does the lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8