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## 2008 December/Christmas-Newsletter

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Dear Friends of Life Renewal Institute;

Before you know it, we will be in the middle of the Christmas Holiday Season and then in 2009! Many changes are about to come to us all this season and in the new year.

Because the economy is suffering, Christmas gifting will be scant for many this year. The condition of the nation's and personal finances is an overwhelming concern. We are about to enter a new era in our government, as our new President gets sworn into office. He has not only changes but significant challenges to face as he attempts to govern nation, stave off conflict both in the country itself and with other countries as will be the one where the "buck stops" on the state of our economy, and just other president who has ever served, will be blamed for whatever goes wrong. He will need our prayers!



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As the days wind down to the holidays, we wonder if time is also winding down. Are we closer than we believed to an eminent return of Jesus Christ the Messiah? This time however he will come, not as a babe in the manger, but as the triumphant king who has conquered sin and death. This time He will be arriving to claim His children for an eternity together with Him in the home he has prepared for us.

We believe that the time we have left to ease the pain of the suffering, to heal the broken hearted, to open the eyes of those who are blind, and to release captives from the prisonhouse of their minds has shortened.

We believe that our work is more important than ever, as men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is to come upon the earth – and upon them. We must continue to cooperate with God in the provision of hope , peace and salvation to the men and women who do not know Him.

We pray that your holiday is "merry" and that you can enjoy family and friends during this special season. As we do, let us remember to encourage them that soon we shall behold Him who came as a babe, grew, suffered the pain of rejection and betrayal and understands the pain of the masses because He's been there, done that. Let us point loved ones and friends to the ultimate sacrifice made not only on the cross but throughout his 33 years of life, suffering just like we do.

We will be with both our children for a Christmas and New Years Family Reunion. We expect it will be a joyous occasion. As you gather with your loved ones and friends, let's all join hearts and hands in a determined and committed effort to ready ourselves for Christ's return and to provide that Blessed hope - confident expectation , to those who do not currently have it, during 2009!

May God continue to keep and bless you. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. Please keep us and our ministry in yours! May your holidays be blessed, safe and secure, is our prayer.

Lovingly,  
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