



**Missionaries Verlis & Margret Collins**

November – December Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor Sheffield & Church Family:-

"In the beginning was the Word,... (John 1:1) This is before "creation," "before the world was made," "when as yet there was nothing." The meaning is that the "Word" had an existence before the world was created. This is not speaking of the man Jesus, but of that which became a man, or was the eternal pre- incarnate "Word" "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,..." (John 1:14)

This beginning is before the foundation of the world as given to us in (Eph 1:4) "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:" And in (Gal 4:4) "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman,..."

To me the most amazing thing about the virgin birth is how God gave us His eternal Son the pre- incarnate Son and that "...his his only begotten Son,..." Jesus Christ is both "the Son of God" and the "Son of man..." took on human flesh to: die for us on the cross so that we could be saved by trusting Him and repenting turning from sin and receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour have the free gift of eternal life. **And this came to pass as recorded in the Scriptures:**

***"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"*** .Luke 2:11

**This year will mark 61** years that Margret and I have had the privilege to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ together. We were married July 15<sup>th</sup> 1956. Margret was saved in 1962 and I was saved in 1964. We served the Lord in a soul winning fundamental Baptist church in Indiana. The Lord called me into the Ministry of Bearing Precious November 15, 1973 and was sent out by our church August 25<sup>th</sup> 1974. I was trained by Dr. Don Fraser the doctrinal principles of the church responsibility for publishing the Scriptures.

**In 1976 the Lord led us to** First Baptist Church, Pastor Dr. Charles Keen Milford, OH. I want to thank the FBC and Dr. Keen for allowing me in the fall of 1976 to bring the School of the Scriptures into being in the BPS Ministry. Over the next 27 years trained over 100 men for the ministry. I have also been involved in School of the Scriptures in Africa; Mexico; Anguilla, British West Indies, Curacao & Saint Martin, in the Netherland Antilles Islands, and now in San Elizario. We have taken over 150 diesel bus church sponsored evangelistic mission trips to Mexico with tons of Scripture and hundreds of people from all over the USA and seen many thousands of Mexican people saved over the past forty years. Praise God!!

**What Christmas Means to me: is Giving:** "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20) "For he (God) hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:21) This is our Saviour: "...Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil 2:5-8) Margret and I lived Philippians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ,..." is Christ to live again.

**Pastor, Church and friends:** I am writing about what came to pass very early Margret and my Christian lives. We pray you have a Christ centered Christmas and God's blessings on your lives for the coming New Year. Thank you for giving your sacrifices of love, prayer and your support for us to serve "the Lord Jesus Christ"

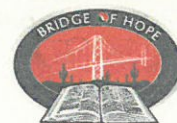
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*Thank you & God bless you!*



**Bridge of Hope Ministries: "That they might see their hope in God,..." Psalms 78:7**