

Rejoice, The Lord Has Come

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Dear Faithful Friends and Loved Ones,

This letter is going out to many of you who have prayed often for my well-being during this year. You have faithfully supported me in many ways; I am deeply grateful. Only God, in His perfect way, could guide each of our hearts and minds through this very difficult time. I am very thankful for good health to be able to carry on with many “new to me” situations.

Christmas Day has always been special as we remember our Savior’s birth, but after a year ago, when Ray left his earthly home for Heaven, this date has taken on the memory of another very special event. I miss him greatly, but God gives extra peace as I think of my precious husband enjoying God’s presence in a new way without a frail, earthly body.

The main event of my life in 2020 was on Easter about midnight when a terrible storm passed through Chattanooga. God used a friend, Verl Taylor, to call and warn of danger that was about to happen. I left the place where I was sitting at the kitchen table and, immediately, a large tree crashed through the roof completely destroying the room. God spared my life for a purpose and has been with us (Cathy and me) each step of the way. Eight months later, after many difficult situations, Lyle and Rose Snakenberg from BIMl, with other volunteers, have completed the restoration. The kitchen is beautiful and ready for me to go to work! Many people in Chattanooga have suffered and are still without homes. I pray for them.

Cathy was able to come from Hungary, taking charge of many responsibilities that would have been too difficult for me. She is another way God has answered prayer. I thank Him!

God’s ways are past my understanding. I want to give Him glory and to praise Him for my salvation. Ray and I prayed for years for our neighbors who need the Lord. My troubles have opened doors and made them more acceptable of my witness. Please pray for them.

Many of my neighbors and friends (you) have reached out to me. I am thankful for the many calls, notes and visits after Ray’s passing and during this challenging time of rebuilding our home.

“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 89:1

Sincerely in Christ,

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