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He Breaks the Power of Canceled Sin

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Immanuel! Our Lord has come! Coming from Glory, He emptied Himself and took human likeness—the likeness of a baby. His coming was so normal that everyone on the planet can relate to it. But then, He went beyond: He humbled Himself to death, even death on a cross. His purpose was to cheer the poor, captive, blind and oppressed with good news of liberty. This good news is still freeing the oppressed and captive. It forms our passion and mission, because we still need liberty both at home and to the ends of the earth.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty
to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are
oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
(Luke 4:18-19 ESV)*

At home, it's been a delightful year of getting to know our new daughters, Rose and Rachele, but this fall has brought its challenges. It began in the summer when our younger daughter, Rachele, started into a series of deepening depressions. These fed on untruths she began to believe about herself and the family. We combatted these untruths with truth, and Rachele found the ultimate Truth on October 1, when she believed in Jesus Christ as her Savior! There was a whole lot of liberty and joy for a time. But, our enemy doesn't give up easily, and the untruths returned. We've discovered the girls endured much trauma and fear as they grew up in Haiti, and complete healing from these is going to take a lot of time and grace. (If you'd like more detail to pray more effectively, feel free to contact us about it.)

Please pray with us:

- For the good news to be heard by all people to the ends of the earth.
- For complete healing and freedom for Rachele and the rest of the family.

The truth is, all of us are wounded and need a lot of time and grace. Sin still pursues with its selfish materialism, internet fantasies, lies that mock God's truth, and any number of traps. But, Jesus came to set us free! He is strong, loving and patient, and will not give up.

Praise God with us:

- For God's good news!
- For Rachele's salvation!
- For Andrew's good health: after being sick over two years, he was diagnosed with abdominal migraines, and since starting medication for them he's had great health.

The world, too, is still captive to sin and its ravages. But, God's good news is going out in power to its very ends. The poor and blind are finding liberty and favor. And, God is patient, not wanting any to perish. So, this Christmas, let's reaffirm our purpose: to declare His Name and His Salvation to the ends of the earth and to all people, so that together we may sing:

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.*

(Charles Wesley, from "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

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Merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

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