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Dear Friends and Co-investors in the City of the Great King,

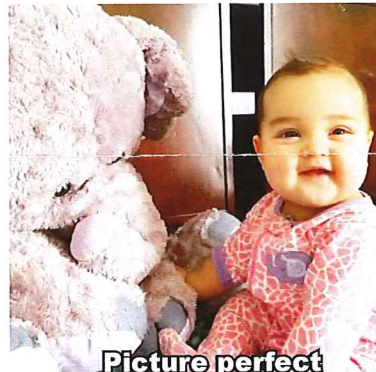
Greetings for the new year. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. We received them gladly and enjoyed each one. May you, your family and church be blessed all the year through. God gave us a great year last year. Our church has grown both in numbers and also spiritually. Compared to the last couple of years, our attendance is up, and salvations and baptisms have increased. The missionary program and faith promise have also increased. I believe we have more committed and faithful people now and God has sent to us more workers for His harvest. This makes us look forward to “greater things” this year. Please be in prayer for us. All this does not take place without a fight and opposition from Satan. When the battle seems fiercest the victory is surest if we stay in the fight - Acts 18:9-10.

Let me give you some statistics from last year. These numbers may not look like a lot for some, but for us, it was a significant gain. Salvations for November through December 2017 were **133** and baptisms **18**. For the year 2017 salvations were **1,255** and baptisms **105**. In November we had a tract-passing competition for three weeks. One hundred and two thousand, six hundred and ninety-two tracts were taken and handed out. That comprised tremendous work by our church people. We awarded first, second and third place prizes for the winners. Each received beautiful Christmas food baskets loaded with goodies and food for the holidays. In December we passed out another five thousand Christmas tracts to shoppers, pedestrians and commuters to work.

Now for some family news. We had our lovely little granddaughter and her mom (our daughter, Natalie) come to visit us in November. They were here for ten days. Mercedes was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in June 2017. She is our first grandchild. Her mom and dad and her other set of grandparents are so in love with her, and so are we. It was the first time we were able to get to see her in person and to hold her in our arms. We got to love her, squeeze her, kiss her and do all those things that grandparents do – three words, “spoil her rotten.” Mercedes Lily is absolutely adorable. She has a sweet smile, beautiful gleaming, attractive eyes, and a very pleasant personality. You may think being a grandparent that I am exaggerating, but I am not. Over-excited, yes, but not exaggerating.



Bundled for winter



Picture perfect



Family portrait

Well, that’s all for now. Thank you for being our faith-partners as we proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the multitudes in the valley of decision.

In Christ Jesus the Anchor holds,

Noel Shrivnauth

The Shrivnauth family
Noel, Charlene, Rydal, Gretel, Elsie and Nolan

Ps. 25:5, 1 Thess. 2:4

for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:” Romans 9:3