



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a
Son is given.
Isaiah 9:6*

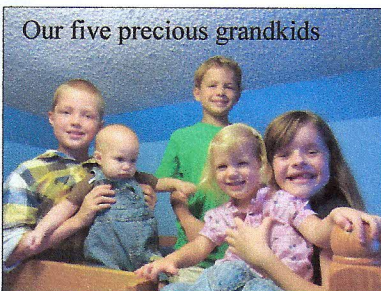
*Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed, Happy New Year
from
the Gibsons*

Christmas, 2011

As we contemplate the truth of this Scripture, it makes one stop and think: "God gave His Son. What have I given?" God gave His only begotten Son that we might have Life--Life Everlasting and Abundant Life. But, what have we given in appreciation of this tremendous gift God has given us. Do we show our thankfulness in such a way that it will cause others to turn to the Lord? Are we even thankful enough? Do we take for granted that which has been given to us? During this Holiday Season, let us remember the great Gift that God has given us and ask Him to use our lives in a greater outreach for His service.

We are so thankful for the great year the Lord has given us. We praise Him for making it possible to obtain much needed materials and be able to distribute them to the National pastors and workers in Mexico and Central and South America. We are also thankful for being able to minister at the Federal Detention Center and through the Bible correspondence courses that reaches individuals from almost every Spanish speaking country. We can only praise Him for allowing us be used as instruments by Him to get His Word out to many that may not hear the message of Salvation otherwise. Thank you, Lord. Please pray that we can do more in 2012.

This year has been a year of some changes for our family. On April 25, a new grandson was added to the family. Hudson Livingston Gibson (we jokingly say his name is longer than he is). His two older brothers, Jonathan and Christian and sister Katelyn Grace welcomed him into their home. AJ and Ruth are the proud parents of this little one.



Our five precious grandkids

Our oldest granddaughter, Meg, is now a teenager. She is in 7th grade and continues to take violin lessons. She even 'tried her hand' at soccer this year. Her mom, Kela, continues to work at a company that puts in sprinkler systems in new construction.

AJ has still been making many trips to minister in villages in Northern and Southern Mexico. The Lord has blessed and they have had very good trips without any interference from violent groups.

On December 3 (Duane's birthday), our kids surprised us with a celebration for our 40th wedding anniversary which will be December 16. We were just overwhelmed

with all the people that came to help us celebrate. One of the neat things was that Duane's sister even came from MO for the event.

May God bless and give you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May we all share with others that Jesus is the Son of God that came to be the Savior of the world as we thankfully remember the reason for the Season. We look forward to an exciting year of ministry in 2012.

Your missionaries to reach souls,

Duane and Marilyn

Duane and Marilyn Gibson

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS isn't tinsel
Or a tree that's all aglow,
Nor is it a jolly Santa Claus
With presents wrapped just so.

CHRISTMAS isn't the holly
Or the yuletide songs we sing,
But it's about a Savior
And the message He came to bring.

CHRISTMAS itself is just a time
To celebrate this Savior's birth
That He came to die for you and me
And bring Salvation to this earth.

CHRISTMAS tells of Jesus' love
And the burden that He bore
For the people in this 'sin-sick' world
For the rich and for the poor.

CHRISTMAS is a special time
To remember this Christ that came
To purchase our redemption
And bear our sin and shame.

CHRISTMAS is a time to think
Of what you'll do today.
Will you receive this Living Lord
Who is the Life, the Way?

--Marilyn J. Gibson (1988)