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I heard the bells on Christmas Day

**I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.**

**And in despair I bowed my head
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”**

**Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
“God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men.”**

My dear, loving, wonderful, fellow-workers with God:

Mercy unto you and may your peace and love be multiplied. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercies of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

In Haiti, we honor and magnify the Lord who has blessed our lives with yours.

We live in a world that is so challenged by calamities and adversities - all because we have turned our backs on our Father Creator, and the only true God; and He is calling out to let us know He is still God of the whole earth, He is the Most High, and the Ruler of the Kingdom of men. It's not the end of the world, but God is calling us to repent.

Haiti is a good example of this truth. The earthquake on January 12th shook us up some, but after a few months, even pastors became brute beasts getting rich from the sufferings of thousands. Then came Cholera, and people learned to wash hands, etc., and that too is passing. While Cholera was raging, there was a hurricane supposed to do much damage, but our Lord heard His children's cries and passed us by. Did that bring us to our knees? No, we seem to get more evil daily.

Challenges are not unique to Haiti. Our world is either at war or planning for war. The great economic crunch finds its way all over. No country is immune.

I have not told you what's been happening in over 200 churches and schools that you serve. What are we doing? Spearheaded by Pastor Eddie at Cabaret, we are working in two tent cities. They've had up to 600 people in an open-air prayer meeting at 4:30am, twice per week. I know you've heard it before or saw it coming, what we plan to do - a church then a school, benches, teachers, workers, food, clothing, etc. The world says, "Teach a

man to fish..." the Bible says in James 2:15-16 "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute ... and ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" We only try to listen to the Lord just as we know that you do. Pray for us as we do pray for you.

A son of one of our pastors hopes to finish high school this school year and feels God's call on his life to be a pastor. Another son of a pastor is studying medicine and a young man from the children's home here in Saintard will be going to medical school next year. Those of you who know Jean Mark - I'm sure he's going to be a preacher. He's always preaching, always leading his little group in worship and prayer, and keeping the compound clean. Often you can hear his voice lifted up in song. Do keep him in your prayers.

Praise the Lord we are all well at the compound. We've lost many people to the Cholera – two widows in one church died leaving four and five children respectively. We will have to take about four of these children into the Home. The church will still have five children to take care of, but we have lightened their load. Praise be to God! Please realize our depths of love and gratitude to you, our prayers for you are for blessings too numerous to mention.

Verse 3 "Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
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As we celebrate the wonderful message of Christ's coming, may our hearts be filled with the joy of knowing that each of us is a special gift from God to the world. May you be blessed even more than you can think or ask.

For 2011, this is your word from the Lord: 1 Chronicles 4: 10 "Lord bless me indeed; enlarge my territory; keep your hand upon me, and keep me from the evil."

With love and gratitude,

Sister Phyllis

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