



Your DECEMBER ~ 2015

HUG~ IN~ A ~MUG IS FROM THE JOY IN MY HEART, for all of youit's an early morning brew, mine's black...sweetened by the "key word" {THANKS} as we enjoy the Christian calendar season of ADVENT: COLOSSIANS :2~5, v. 12

I woke early this morning with our annual Advent Brunch just hours away, checking the temperature and hope above hope that the weatherman's prediction may fall short, and allow us all to gather from miles away.

(Normally, I would have to send this out to our President and Counselors for full scriptural and content evaluation and approval, but in the essence of the busy-ness of this season, I leap out in boldness & confidence in the Word, and *I shall quickly hit "send,"*) because I can only come to the end of my calendar year with a very personal conviction to reach out to "my saints and faithful sisters-in-Christ" of the Oregon District, this dark, winter morning, with a heart fairly exploding with my THANKS FOR YOUR faithfulness that you have all acted upon....

....and I say to you: paraphrasing Paul.....v.2~5 *"Grace and peace from God our Father. (I) always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when (I) pray for you, since (I) have heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the truth, the Gospel....."*

Take time to read today, **LUKE 2:8-20**, as we will at our brunch, and ponder, as Mary, glorifying God and praising, and taking this precious Ad-vent (*Lat: ad + venire, to come / arrive*) to glorify and Share the JOY. . . with the sisterhood, friends, family, neighbors, the sad and lonely and downtrodden and less fortunate in your entire communities, the opportunity we all have to step out in the Lord under the sunshine of His Grace and forgiveness, and Christmas JOY.

Closing with & continuing, **Col. 1:11-12:** *May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with JOY, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

JOY -FULL -Y YOURS !! Pat Reck, Leader Development
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