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To The Glory Of God. I Corinthians 10: 31

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REFLECTIONS by Gilda

December 2009

What an exciting year this has been! We have been enamored by our granddaughter Carlie since she came into our lives three years ago, and we thought she would be our only grandchild. Our son Morgan wasn't married and our daughter Tamson and husband Keith didn't think they could have children and that Carlie would be their only child unless they adopted another one. Well, this year has proven that God had other plans for us. First, our daughter Tamson and husband Keith had twins in June: son Luke and daughter Lela. Then, our son Morgan and wife Beth-any had daughter Brielynd, November 7 of this year. Brielynd was born on my dad's birthday—thought that was pretty neat. Wish he and Mom could have been around to see these three new ones. Actually, Dale and I didn't think we would be around to see more grandchildren, but we suddenly had a bumper year! They all are the cutest little fellows that you have ever seen. Of course, you grandparents probably think yours are the cutest. Such little miracles! Brielynd's pediatrician said he had been taking care of babies for 30 years and he had never gotten over the amazing miracle of each new life. And they are miracles—each one different and unique. Dale and I praise God for these little miracles He has given us this year!

Our work has been a blessing, also. We have met great new friends and renewed old friendships in revivals this year. I feel that we have the best job in the world: getting to share the love of Jesus and encouraging our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Next year brings new challenges, so please pray for us as we seek God's guidance. God gave us three beautiful babies this year, but He also gave His own wonderful baby, Jesus, to all of us to give us joy, hope and love. You may never meet our babies, but we hope you have met or will meet our wonderful Jesus. Enjoy the true meaning of Christmas: the gift of Jesus.

Love you all. Till next time.....

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