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## REFLECTIONS by Gilda

Dec 2012

Merry Christmas! Hope you had a good Thanksgiving. I am writing this a week before Thanksgiving but I know ours will be wonderful because our children and grandchildren will be here. We have our granddaughter Brielynd here this week which is warming us up for Carlie, Luke and Lela. Morgan and Bethany are bringing Blakely up on Monday. She is growing so fast and is the cutest little one. She may be a redhead--it looks reddish right now. Tamson and Keith are driving down and stopping in VA to see Casey, the daughter they adopted late in her life. She has two little boys so they are going to visit them then come to NC. Grandchildren are just wonderful and I am so excited they will be here for a few days. I wish we could be with all of them at Christmas (selfish) but at least they will all be home at Thanksgiving this year. It has been 2 years since they were all home together.

We are returning to Honduras in March. Dr. King, our surgeon, is having some health problems and he won't be able to go. He will certainly be missed, but I know Pat Garmon, one of our nurses, is still going. She's been wanting to teach some basic hygiene classes so hopefully she can do that this year. The rest of us will be building, working with the children, doing evangelistic services, giving out food, etc. Last year several of our team got sick, so please pray for our health and travel safety and opportunities to minister in many ways.

Dale celebrated his 50th high school reunion this year. I know we are officially old when he has been out of school that long. His class has lost quite a few of its members and a few days after the reunion one died and one had a stroke. Life is fragile and so finite. I mentioned this to remind you to enjoy each day God gives you. This is the season of giving and receiving. God gave first and continues to give. Enjoy the love He provides through the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord. God Bless you.

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