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Dear Churches and Friends,

Happy Nativity Season! Greetings in the wonderful Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

**VENEZUELA:** The cost of a battery for a motorcycle is the price of last years motorcycle. That is our inflation. Of course, my money is in USA currency which gives me an advantage. The government has jailed many for exchanging currency. Changing currency to them is trafficking money, just for exchanging currency. In September I had to go to a neighboring country to get supplies as the government has stopped all incoming personal shipments to Venezuela, as to control everything. While obtaining supplies, medicine, car parts and some food items; I met with a pastor from the states and my Barbara. The topics were the ability to survive in Venezuela. It seems that 100,000's of Venezuelans are immigrating to other countries to avoid death by starvation and of lack of medical attention. Antibiotics are almost nonexistent. Therefore, Barbara returned to the USA until February. I plan on making a short emergency return in January for a few days to secure medicine, a medical check up and food items. At that time we will evaluate the situation here in Venezuela, so that we can return together.

**THE CHURCH:** This has been an unusual two months. Things are accelerating in chaos here at an alarming rate. Many of our church members are also leaving the country. Maribel and family left for Chile in November. Carmen has left for Colombia to be able to go to a hospital. One family left for Mexico in November. An older couple will be leaving in December. A young mother and child went to Peru with one change of clothes. We need your prayers. There has been about three professions of faith, but the work is very slow. Our other works that we have mentioned before are doing ok.

**GRATITUDE:** It is our desire to thank each and everyone of our friends who have been faithfully praying for us and the work in Venezuela. Your prayers have made a difference. We eat, we preach and I am not behind bars. Glory to God!

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Missionary to Venezuela  
*Jerry A. Alford*  
Jer. 33:3

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