



ON EARTH...GOOD WILL TO ALL

1993

*Celebrating the Birthday of
Our Lord & Savior
Jesus Christ
King of Kings & Lord of Lords*

*Our hope and prayer is to rejoice with you in God's
promise of Everlasting Salvation through the Blood of Jesus Christ*

Dear Family & Friends:

This year, we will not be able to give you a month by month account of all the dear people who have visited and contacted us this year. They have all made our lives worth living and are all greatly loved by us. There have been so many others from our church family who have gone all out to help us with tasks we are no longer able to carry out. We so greatly appreciate each and every one.

Just so you will understand where we are at this time, let us remind you that this December 20th, Anne will be 92. It is remarkable how she, praise the Lord, has kept going to provide for her needs and especially those of Vernon. Vernon, now 86, has been through a very rough year, but by much prayer from many sources and God's remarkable grace he is managing to get around with minimal pain at present. His prostate cancer has spread to his bones with increasing pain until at one point, a couple of months ago, he was in bed with double morphine every 4 hours. Just before this worst condition came, the FDA released a new Irradiated Strontium treatment which had been under test for several years. The purpose of the treatment is not to stop the cancer, but to make it possible to mostly eliminate the pain so he can resume a fairly normal life style until the cancer finally takes him into eternity. They gave Vernon the treatment on July 28, 1993. He was the second person in Broward County to get it!

Slowly, but surely, Vernon began to improve and all pain killers were finally able to be discontinued. At present he is able to get around with a walker and also is now able (with some pain getting in and out) to drive our car locally. Our dear granddaughter, Susie Cumbie is making it possible to get this greeting and summary out to you by preparing the sheets and making address labels from our address books – a big job of over 200.

Recently, Anne slipped and fell and wound up in the hospital with a broken hip. She came through surgery just fine with the help of many prayers. She is now recovering at home and is regaining her strength. Thanks to all who helped us get through it!

We have help 5 days a week for 4 hours per day (to be our hands and feet to do what we find difficult or impossible to do).

Our latch string is always out. Visit us if you can.

With much love to each of you,

Vernon & Anne Drake