



Dear friends,

It's a privilege to be writing to you at this time of year very close to Christmas and at the end of this year!

I want to tell you that for us, this time of year is a time to rejoice; to remember the greatest gift that God gives to humanity.

I also want to tell you a story from my childhood during this time of Christmas.

Always on Christmas, my present was the hand-me-downs of my older brother because they didn't fit him anymore. But still, I was very happy and received it with joy. I had to take care of his clothes and make sure he didn't damage them so I could wear them at the end of the year.

In a way, I was taking care of my own gift so I could use it for a few months then give it to the poor.

I tell you this little story to remind you that we as Christians, in this time of Christmas, remember the precious gift that our God Almighty gave us! (John 3:16)

A Gift we need to receive with joy!

A Gift that we are willing to remember all year!

A Gift we need to administer very well!

A Gift that God and all of us keep sharing with others through the Gospel. We are proclaiming Jesus, who was born to give us salvation and eternal life for all who will believe in Him!

In these holidays, we wish you a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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**In Christ, NOEL & REINA**

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