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Dear friends,

Debi and I are celebrating our 28th Christmas here in Washington and it is interesting how holidays change when your kids have all grown and have their own families. I feel badly for folks who want everything to stay the same because change is the inevitable fact of life. Recently, I was talking with someone who was struggling with trying to keep all the rules from the Old Testament. We talked about God never changing referring to Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Although He doesn't change He does change how He deals with mankind. In the past He focused only on Israel but today He includes all the gentiles. That's a change! So the person and nature of God didn't change but He can do things differently if He wants to. In the same way we can change how we do things and it's not a bad thing.

At the end of February Alpha's lease will be up and we need direction on what to do and where to go. I'm not willing to sign a new 3 year lease, I'm getting old! While I would still like to minister to all the people looking to Alpha for help, I am also wanting to reduce our overhead.

Moving will mean some major changes and where to go is a big deal since Alpha has been at North Kitsap Medical Center since 1977 and in our current office since 1998. So, with this in mind, **I'm asking you for a special prayer request. Please ask God for guidance that we can find where He wants us to settle!**

It's interesting that at Christmas we are thinking of moving! Joseph and Mary were on the move when Jesus was born in Bethlehem and then later they had to move to Egypt in a hurry. We are not in a hurry but I am feeling some pressure to find a new home for us to minister to the many hurting people we see.

I would like to share with you that Alpha is really busy! We continue to meet the needs of Christians from all over Western Washington. Our website has brought in many people who might not get any help at all. Now this is important! None of the help people receive at Alpha would happen if we didn't have your faithful prayers and support. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Richard and Debi

Let Every Day Be Christmas!

***Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells
and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.***

The good you do for others is good you do for yourself.

***Peace on Earth, good will to men, kind thoughts and words of cheer,
are things we should use often and not just once a year.***

***Remember too the Christ-child, grew up to be a man;
to hide him in a cradle, is not our dear Lord's plan.***

***So keep the Christmas spirit, share it with others
far and near, from week to week and month to month
throughout the entire year!***

By Norman Wesley Brooks

