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Dear Brethren in Christ

Shalom!

I hope this communication finds you well and in anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The past few months have not been easy without the leadership of our Superintendent Rev Andy Burrows due to ill health. We continue to hold Rev Andy and Ruth dearly in our thoughts, as we pray for restoration and wholeness.

I stand in the gap in humility as an empty vessel for the Lord to use to water His vineyard; our circuit. As I temporarily cover this role I continue to look up to God for guidance and wisdom and to bind us together with a cord that cannot be broken. As a circuit we are really grateful to God for giving us strength to soldier on in love and unity in the absence of our Superintendent.

The journey was not easy and will never be easy as it will leave some marks in our spiritual lives. Some of us may feel weary, discouraged and faint hearted but we have a firm promise from God; Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint". It is through the Word that we find strength to cheer each other up and find healing and restoration from the Lord. I thank God for your lives and ministry in the circuit and how God is using you for the enrichment of His mission

It is my prayer that the Lord extends His grace to you all, as you watch and pray for each other. Let us to be the kind of believers who continue to be strong in the love and unity of God. Remember our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us in John 13:34-35 ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

It is time to put our past behind us as we prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Our Messiah knows where we hurt and ache and is quick to heal and bring wholeness. Let us prepare for his coming by decluttering all that we have harboured in the past. May the Holy Spirit help us to clear the way for the coming of our Lord, as we await Rev Andy's recovery, at the same time preparing to welcome our new Superintendent. It is all about new beginnings and

waiting in anticipation. It is my prayer that we are found prepared by our Messiah and a united and loving circuit for our new Superintendent.

May we continue to hold fast to our faith as the day of the Lord draws near. Let us use our gifts and talents for the betterment of the work of the Kingdom. As we prepare for Christmas let us remember, the special Love that binds us together; the love of Christ.

On this note I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Fruitful New Year!!

Let us continue to pray without ceasing.

Every blessing



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