

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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May you have a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year from our family to yours



*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:8-11)*

As we celebrate our Savior's birth, we rejoice in the great Family God has given us in Jesus Christ. As children of the Most High we share in this good news and great joy. We have also shared with you as partners in ministry and we have seen God's family grow and leaders trained in Latin America and here.

We also rejoice in the additions God is giving our biological family. In January of this year we were blessed with the arrival of our first granddaughter, Tasanee. I will have the privilege of baptizing her next Sunday the 30th in Houston, Tx. where Joe, Janette and Tasanee live.

On both ends of that trip we will spend Christmas day and New Years with Jonathan and Susana in Tampa, Fl. Susana is expecting her first child in February!!, and Jonathan just found out he has a high school teaching position in a school in Tampa starting in January.

Both for our ministry family and our biological family we are thank for God's blessing to us in Christ Jesus.

May Emmanuel, God with us, be your Joy in this season

The Richard Cranes



See more pictures of Tasanee our first grandchild in the following blogs:

**Joe's blog:** <http://jcogliandrophotography.squarespace.com/journal/2007/10/29/janette-tasanee-happy-halloween.html>

**Janette's blog:** <http://www.jc2photo.com/blog/Site%202/Tasanee%27s%20first%20year.html>

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