

January 6, 2022

Happy New Year to our friends and family around the world,

Larry and I would like to thank you for all your prayers and the financial support you gave us in 2021. It was a challenging year, but we place our hope in God who has brought us thus far. Last year I read through Henri Nouwen's book *You Are the Beloved*. I really enjoyed the December meditations and share with you these few lines from a meditation titled "Hope".

"When we live with hope, we do not get tangled up with concerns for how our wishes will be fulfilled. So, too, our prayers are not directed toward the gift but toward the One who gives it. Ultimately, it is not a question of having a wish come true but of expressing an unlimited faith in the giver of all good things. Hope is based on the premise that the other gives only what is good. Hope includes an openness by which you wait for the promise to come through, even though you never know when, where, or how this might happen."

"With Open Hands"

Wishing you a hope filled New Year and open hands to receive God's many blessings and promises in 2022!

Love,

Inge & Larry

