

Merry Christmas! ☺

We hope this note finds you happy and well and praising our Lord!!

We are doing well. We leave for a visit to our daughter in Colorado on Wednesday and will be stopping to meet a friend of a friend too! We get to meet so many wonderful people in this ministry! Then for the week between Christmas and New Years we will be making our annual trip to Kohl's Ranch. We're hoping for some snow!! Every year we hope to get snowed in, but it doesn't happen – perhaps we are in the wrong State for that? Hope springs eternal, so we will keep trying and hoping!

We met with Phoenix zoning about the warehouse on Madison and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. They said it will not get approved, because there are already too many social services in that area. We are now looking at a hotel at Grand and 23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. It needs a lot of work, but it is zoned appropriately and located near transportation. If it works out, we will be working to make it a better home as we build this family!! Again, hope springs eternal, so we will keep trying and hoping!! (Sense a theme?)

Our faith and endurance is surely being tested, but we will not give up. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as you are in ours as well!! ☺

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Love you!

Steve and Deb Schmidt

Our Christmas present to you:

*Isaiah 26:3*

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

*Isaiah 41:10*

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

*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.*

*Isaiah 53:5*

*But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*