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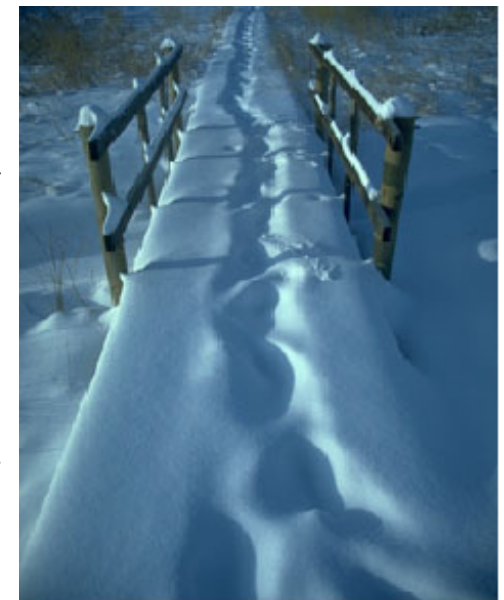
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"It's the most wonderful time of the year." Have you ever heard the Christmas song that makes that exclamation? It is definitely a time that should be wonderful. However, for many, it becomes a time of depression, knowing that we should be spending time with family and loved ones but for some reason or another we're not. Many begin a cycle of thoughts that hurl them downward, followed by feelings that make them believe that they are not loved or are forgotten about. For some, the circumstances could be very convincing. But I would ask you to consider for a moment a city in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. Many cities could boast of great things that had come out of them such as great production and industry, but not Bethlehem. It was just a small town. The people had the idea that it was such a small town that even God considered it insignificant. But one day God spoke to a prophet regarding the thoughts that had been running through the minds of these people and He said, "And you, Bethlehem in the land of Judah; are by no means insignificant among Judah's rulers, for out of you a leader shall arise who will govern My people Israel." Matt. 2:6 Have you ever felt like Bethlehem, insignificant, small, or unimportant? God says that He has chosen you, just like Bethlehem of old, as a special place for His Son to be born. To God you are not insignificant, small or unimportant. Rather, His eye is upon you. Bethlehem only had an animal stable to offer the King, but the Lord accepted it and changed Bethlehem from insignificant to greatly esteemed. Should you accept the Son to be truly born into your heart, though it may resemble a stable, God will begin to clean it out and the word, "insignificant", will not be a term used to describe you any longer.

The Winslow's want to take this time to say thank you for your faithfulness towards us. We appreciate all you've done for us over the years. This year we were able to come home and spend the holidays with family, something we haven't done for years. Spending time with them will make our Christmas special. And we hope that yours is just as special and that you not only have quality time with your family and friends, but come to know how significant you are in Jesus' sight. He is the one and only true reason for the season. The fulfillment of all the things on your list.

Blessings be yours from our family to yours.

God bless and have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.



With love from the Winslow's:

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