

The Holidays

An Opportunity to SERVE!

The Holiday Season is here! It began (*officially*) on Thanksgiving Day when we met with friends and family to enjoy a delicious meal together. We spent time with those we love and talked about all the things we have done this year. We made plans for Christmas which is only a few weeks away! We are thinking about the New Year!

The radio is playing holiday tunes and the television is showing the annual holiday programs. The shops are full of people purchasing gifts for those they love. Houses are glowing with lighted decorations. Everyone seems to be in a festive mood. But is everyone? The answer is, “No”!

The truth is there are people that are not feeling so festive! The coronavirus spoiled the Thanksgiving plans for many and is likely going to affect their Christmas traditions too. The songs on the radio bring back searing memories of times when they had a family to go to, but the family has broken up. The television programs remind them of a Christmas they once spent with parents, a spouse, and children who are no longer with them. They cannot go to the shops to purchase gifts for people they love because they have no money (*Santa simply will not be coming to their home this year*)! Although the lights are beautiful, they are not able to light up the darkness they feel inside.

There are many things radio, television, shopping, or decorations just cannot do, but we can! A visit, a letter, a phone call, an encouraging word, etc. can be the difference in someone having a Happy Holiday or someone feeling alone ... again. Who can we serve this year?

When we serve, it not only fills others with joy; we are filled with joy too! It is a “*win, win*”! Choose just one person or family to serve. See what a difference it will make!

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