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But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always [being] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; - 1Peter 3:15

Everywhere we go we carry the hope of God inside of us. The New Year is full of new hope and possibilities. This hope is to be shared with others. Being ready to give an account of this hope means that we are faithful in our own study of the Word of God and prayer. We cannot share what we do not have inside of us.

I was able to spend Christmas with my grandkids. I flew down to Corpus Christi to be with my daughter Shana and her family, then we met my son Derek and his family in Leakey, Texas, at a cabin, and celebrated Christmas there. I went home with my son's family to Odessa, Texas, and I flew from there back to Fairbanks, Alaska. I was also able to see some friends and supporters. It is always difficult to travel and I have had



some problems with my knee the past month since I twisted it. It is doing better now.

Testimony: My trip back to Alaska was quite adventurous and God gave a miraculous divine appointment. My first flight from Odessa to Dallas was canceled and they put me on an earlier flight, with many flights being changed because of weather, and

Prayer Requests:

- Renewed Vision and Preparing for Outreaches
- Protection for health and workers



lack of workers because of Covid. I did not know till I arrived that my ride was snowed in, as interior Alaska has had record snow this winter. Several others were waiting with me and there was a two-hour waiting time for taxis, with many not being able to run at all. That is when the Lord sent an angel named Martin. He told us he had been stranded in Seattle for the last 36 hours, trying to get back to Alaska — he lived in North Pole as well. He didn't want to see anyone else stranded so he offered me and two other ladies a ride home. He had to dig his vehicle out of the snow and loaded all of our suitcases in. He had a large four-wheel drive and was able to deliver us all safely home. We saw many vehicles on the side of the road. He asked me what I did for a living and told him I was a missionary. I only had five dollars cash on me and tried to give it to him with a promise to send more, but he would not take it, since he said I had been helping others my whole life. He was raised Catholic and had a wife and a three-year old, but had stopped attending church. He allowed me to share with him, and I laid a hand on his shoulder and prayed a blessing on his family. He said he had a feeling he would get back into church and even gave me a hug before leaving.

God makes a way where there seems to be no way. Let us all be ready for what God is doing in 2022 and share the hope that is in us with whomever we meet.

*Co-laborers in Christ,
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