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**Video Update – December 2017**

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I come to you today with Christmas greetings to all of you in the MB family across Canada.

I read again that wonderful story of Luke 2, “The angels came and said to the shepherds, ‘We come to you with good news. Today a Saviour has been born to you!’”

You think about the good news of that great announcement that we continue to have the opportunity to speak out: a Saviour is born to us! This is Jesus, whom God has provided as our way to have relationship with him, as our way to have forgiveness of our sin, as the way that we will find eternal life.

And so, as you come into this Christmas season, I bless you as this announcement is made in so many wonderful and rich and warm ways throughout this season. So, we give you from our team our greetings, our encouragement, and our prayer for this season of celebration.

As we look beyond Christmas, we also want to dedicate a significant part of January to praying: praying for the work of the Spirit; praying for the presence of Christ to be among us again and through us to the world that we reach. [Praying for] those that are in lowly places of poverty and being disenfranchised, those that need justice and need the Kingdom of God to break into their world, and those that are in places of power and of wealth and of great knowledge: that on all of those places – both in the Canadian landscape as well as around the world – each one will come to the place again of knowing and experiencing the one who is our king, Jesus Christ.

And so, our focus for this prayer time is the theme of waiting. So many times in Scripture, we are called to wait. And yet for each of us, waiting becomes the most frustrating, the most difficult thing in our journey. We wait for the coming of Christ. It’s so much a part of our very spiritual journey. But we want to introduce this theme and invite you to consider what the Scriptures have to say in a way that gives us great hope and gives us great encouragement while we anticipate and wait for the return of Christ.

And so, we trust that the materials that are provided for you and the resources that will be coming your way will also become the context in which you can enter in with us across the country to this unified prayer for our country and for our world.

So again, I leave you with the blessing of God in your work and in your service with each other.