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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey. Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

## A Reflection: Epiphany

Greetings Friends:

For many, Christmas ends a day or so after December 25. Yet that is not the historical understanding of it: rather, Christmas day really only starts the season, followed by the twelve days leading up to the Epiphany or realization of who Jesus is. On Epiphany Sunday, there are a couple of readings that we reflect upon, one of which is the Wise Men; in the Eastern Church it has been the baptism of our Lord. Both point to the same thing - God has come to dwell with us.

One of the things that I like to do this time of year, even though it is cold, is continue with the tradition of blessings through the use of water. God's continued action in our lives. John Wesley exhorted us remember our

baptism vows early in the year, perhaps following Jesus example, so in following suit I have us remember them early in January during our worship service. In addition, I go one step further like those in the eastern churches: I visit businesses and homes of those that would like to invite God's blessing upon them for the coming year. I have done this for several years, and have to say it has been amazing to see some of the businesses blossom and homes a little more peaceful. Admittedly, it is no guarantee, yet the reminder that we live our lives in God's presence - at work, home and play is worth, I believe, the extra time it takes to visit and pray together. So if this idea appeals to you, give me a call (509-670-4694) and let's set up a time for a blessing in your lives as we celebrate God's coming into our world.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Dan

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## Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank - 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcomed.

Friday: Bounty Food Bank: needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

**Please keep our partner church in your thoughts and prayers. I asked if there were any ways we could help and this was his response:**

There are several ways you can meet the needs of these children.

We do have several challenges like fruits. Since we opened the school/orphanage, we have never feed these children with fruits. You can also buy shoes for the children. Every day they walk for 8 miles to fetch water at the nearest river bare footed. Since the river is used by human and animals, the water is normally contaminated. We wish to harvest water from the roof and if possible drill a water well although this is too expensive. The school/orphanage does not have any source of water. This is our greatest challenge.

Keep us in prayers. We believe with God all things are possible.

Blessings, Pastor Kuria.

Please keep in your prayers...

Judy Egan

For Jonathan Albert Short's family

James & Jenifer Angus

Mary Egeland

Danielle - and family

Liz Best - thankfully she is at home now, but could still use prayers for healing