

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It is hard to believe that 2010 is nearly over already, but it is! New Year's Day is only a couple of weeks away, Where did the year go?

As you may have heard, I came down with pneumonia, and was out of service for about three weeks. I am happy to report that I have recovered and am fully back in business now.

It has been quite a year for me with suicides, traffic accident fatalities, drug overdoses, natural deaths, even a train vs pedestrian fatality. For every one of these deaths, and the many natural deaths as well, there are survivors – friends, and family who are experiencing grief and wondering how to put their lives back together, and how to face their new reality. It has certainly been my privilege to be there to assist in times like this.

There are others who are also impacted by these deaths, police and fire personnel, our communications officers, the Medical Investigators, and the other chaplains. This unseen part of our ministry is often the most important.

In all of these things, you have helped me be there again this year. I cannot begin to tell you how very much I appreciate your support and partnership in my chaplaincy. Please believe me when I tell you how much it means to me that you have helped me to be there when it matters most. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness.

May the true spirit of Christmas be with you and yours as we again celebrate the birth of Christ, and are again filled with wonder at a God who loved us so much that He sent His Only Son. Hallelujah!



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