Christmas!! The season we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. What an amazing story! Can you imagine being the shepherds in the field that night when the angels appeared to them?

Have you ever wondered why God used shepherds as His means to get the good news of Christ’s birth out to the world? Listen to these verses from Luke 2:8-20: “Now there were... shepherds... in the fields.... The Angel said to them, ‘...I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord’. The shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go...and see this thing that has come to pass....’ Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.”

Throughout Scripture, we see God partnering with humans to spread His Gospel story to the world. If we keep reading in Luke 3:4, it speaks of John the Baptist as, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD....” Before ascending into Heaven, Jesus would give His disciples (present and future) the assignment to “…go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Finally, read Romans 10:16, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

From that first Christmas night until present day, God has chosen to engage us, His people, in telling the greatest story known to the human race. Why does He choose to partner with us?? I don’t know exactly why; but, for whatever reason, it pleases God to interact with His people and engage us in His services. Julie and I are reminded of what a great privilege it is to serve Him together with you, our prayer team. On one hand, it is humbling to think that we get to partner with the God of the Universe and with the amazing team He has given us! On the other hand, we are so excited to get front row seats of what He is doing around the world as we work together in serving Him!! As you celebrate Christmas this year, may you be thrilled anew at this amazing job He has given us!! And may you be blessed as you celebrate Jesus, the Reason for this Season!! Thank you for your amazing support this year! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!