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We at SIFAT send our warmest greetings to you this Christmas season. We are facing a different world this year than last, all of us with more problems and more need. Yet we worship the same Christ...the same wonderful Savior. We thank our Lord for each of you, and your participation with us in SIFAT. It was with help from many of you that:

- this week we finished the bridge over the Chayanta River in Bolivia ...so that this Christmas hundreds of people who live on the other side can cross over to worship in Quesimpuco, to bring their sick for help to our hospital/health center, and for the first time, to send their children to high school without fear of their drowning when trying to cross the river.
- the new five-story day care center is ready to open January 1, and the new church in Atucucho, Ecuador, is already open. Because of this, 200 children who have graduated from our day care and had no way to continue to study, now have scholarships to start the new year in elementary school and will receive food and spiritual training after school in the church. The program is already underwritten.
- SIFAT now has graduates working in five continents across the world. Hundreds of stories we could tell you of their work ministering to thousands of needy people physically and spiritually...the hungry being fed and being enabled to feed themselves, the lost coming to know Christ, sick people being healed, orphans being loved and taught.

During these difficult times, we are trying hard to live within our means, while continuing to carry out our work. But our receiving is far down, as our donors struggle with their own decrease in income. We are trusting God to keep our doors open, to keep our work going, but we want to let you know that if you believe in SIFAT and what we are doing, if you have been meaning to help some day, then TODAY is the day! We need help now more than ever!

We know many of you give at the end of the year, but we are asking you, if you mean to give, please give now. Don't wait till the end of the month. We need your help NOW to keep SIFAT sharing the love of God in practical ways today! Together we can get through these hard times. We pray and trust that this Christmas will bring us all closer to our Living Savior! And may His Presence be very real to each of you this Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

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