

January 2008—"2008...I Can't Wait!"

We have just gone through what some consider the busiest season of the year. It began early in November planning for Thanksgiving: baking, cooking and entertaining. Then right into preparation for Christmas (I heard some started at 4 am the day after Thanksgiving): shopping, baking, Christmas letters and cards, program practices, parties and more shopping. For Bill and me it also included packing and traveling.

Finally, Christmas Eve! Our tradition has been to open gifts on Christmas Eve, but some keep the anticipation until Christmas morning. Then, Christmas Day; all across the world, people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ whether or not they recognize Him as their Lord and Savior.

Cleanup begins the day after Christmas, and soon we are packing up and saying goodbye to both family and the year 2007. With "out with the old, in with the new" comes the expectancy of what lies ahead in 2008.

Like Ruth and Orpah in the first chapter of Ruth, we are at a crossroad. Will we, like Ruth, take the road with uncertainties or, like Orpah, keep on the path of familiarity? For some of you this can be taken literally as you move into a new ministry and/or a new ministry location. For others, it means an attitude change. Regardless; I encourage you to step out in the New Year with childlike faith. Look to the Lord with anticipation, simple trust, wonder, enthusiasm, and great expectation—and see what great and mighty things HE will do!

—Terri