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Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

From "Angels from the Realms of Glory" by James Montgomery, 1816

Ray & Jan

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus! For most people, going into a garage might not be the most exciting thing to do during the course of a day, but Ray and I might be the exception. We have a wall of remembrance that reminds us of our precious military families from over the years. We have four of these frames (shown in the photo) on the wall next to the car so we can see them every



time we leave and return. We try to pray for them each time we pull into our garage, as we know that many are still in the military and are stationed as far away as Germany and Hawaii. We are constantly humbled and blessed by the families that we met in Colorado and are still able to keep in close touch with.

This past year Ray and I were able to start a small Bible study in our community with some of our neighbors. It has been a great time getting to know some of the stories of others here in Florida and sharing our stories about the Lord and our experiences with Cadence while also studying the Word. We were able to get to know Maxine, who was in the Navy years ago before she passed away last spring in her nineties. We were asked by her nieces to help with a few details for her service. We met with the military chaplain and also got to know her two nieces. Both were in the military, one in the Air Force and the other in the Army. It has been great being able to minister to them.

Ray and I are so blessed to be able to enjoy more time with our family here in Florida. We have weekly dinners with Anna and my brother Ryan (who has moved here from Las Vegas). John and his wife Jacque were able to visit this year from Cincinnati, which was much needed after not seeing them for so long due to COVID-19. Rebekah is busy as ever and we are able to watch our grandson Ryan growing up so fast. He lost a tooth at "Grammy and Grampie's" house this month, which was pretty fun.

As we enter this wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season, we know that the Lord God Almighty is present with each of us and will help carry all the burdens and heartaches that we might have.

Thank you for being on this journey with us as part of our support and prayer team. We are so grateful to you!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NKJV)

For the sake of His Name, **Ray and Jan Schmautz**



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