

Family & Friends Christmas Letter 2024

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Merry Christmas! I wish the best for you all and miss being able to hang out with you.

Again, I ask your forgiveness for how my sins and incarceration have effected you all, especially for the social stigma you've had to bear because of me. I'm so grateful for the atonement that makes it possible to repent, forgive, and be purified and healed.

This past year has been filled with great experiences, turning lemons to lemonade. Foremost has been my finding out about and joining the SOLID program on Aug. 22. Here's an entire building of 6 sections with 64 inmates each all here voluntarily because they want to change. You can see the things I've written about it on my site in the Blog > SOLID subsection.

Starting in May, I've been doing a "daily" report on news, shows, Institute, Church, class highlights — usually just a couple of pages of ^{mostly} single-line bullets. I've enjoyed doing this. It's pushed me to pay closer attention to what's going on in the world and what is significant and what is not. It's also alerted me to the integrity or lack thereof among various news sources.

Especially meaningful to me has been what I've been able to do in developing the musical gifts the Lord has given me. I've especially been focused on increasing my ability to play the piano while singing and harmonizing ^(mainly hymns) — extemporaneously. It feels like bringing heaven to earth. I especially