



Chaplain's Notes January 2002

Hi, and Happy New Year to you !

I hope your Christmas celebrations were joyful, and if you had holidays that they, too, provided a great break to enjoy something different before getting into the swing of things this year!

I wonder, however, if you've given any thought to what you'd like this New Year to bring for you? Perhaps a win in Tattsлото! Or perhaps a fulfilling job so that you wouldn't be bored? Or a restoration of health so that you could work? Or renewed harmony in your home? Or maybe just good friendships to conquer loneliness?

You know, I believe that all these longings are an expression of our deep desire to be able to enjoy life, to have a full life, and to be able to express & realise the full potential each one of us has as human beings. We don't want to be "oppressed"; we don't want to be discriminated against; we don't want to live in poverty; we don't want to be sick; we hate bad feelings wrecking our relationships. We want LOVE, we want LIFE, we want FREEDOM !

Did you know that's exactly what God wants for your life too !!

Listen to what **Jesus** said:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4:18,19)

and

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Are you experiencing life to the full at the moment? Think about it.

This year could mark the beginning of a totally new life for you, with Jesus' help.

And I am praying that it will be.

God bless you in 2002 !

