



## The Spotlight - December 2020



*Yay! Christmas is around the corner and as Christmas lovers, this season always brings joy to our hearts, although if we're honest, we have to say there's a little sadness in there too because travel restrictions mean we'll be spending our very first Christmas without family, and that is truly hard for us. Of course, the two of us will do some nice things together, but we can honestly say there's isn't a thing that we'll do that we wouldn't sacrifice to be with our loved ones! We're sure many of you will understand and share our sentiments.*

*Still, we realise there are far worse situations, and no matter what 2020 difficulties most of us have experienced, we all have endless reasons to be thankful. As Christians, we're also aware that the Lord actually calls us to take thankfulness a step further by asking us to give thanks in all circumstances and not just for obvious blessings. This is a tough call, we know, for we've had times in life when giving thanks has been the furthest thing from our natural minds. It's at such times, that we've been grateful for external prompts to do so, for God knows, it's not only the right thing to do but absolutely necessary when experiencing one of life's curve balls.*

*As we write, Americans are celebrating Thanksgiving, an event which we've come to appreciate for its constant reminder to give thanks, but especially so this year. Having suffered in one way or another, we could all quite easily spend our time complaining about 2020, but we hope that you, too, have been reminded of the many reasons you have to be thankful.*

*Now, last month in TLC World, all messages focused on the essential principles for living that can be found in the Parables. One of them was delivered by Dr. Obert Hodzi who is now lecturing at Liverpool University. To listen to it or any of the others, just click the relevant link.*

- [1. Principles from the Parable of the Sower](#)
- [2. Principles from the Parable of the Lost Sheep](#)
- [3. Principles from the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats](#)
- [4. Principles from the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard - Dr. Obert Hodzi](#)

*Well last, but certainly not least, we give thanks for you. Whether you're simply interested in hearing about us and our ministry call or travelling this road with us, we appreciate and value you.*

*Now, of course, couldn't end without wishing you a Merry Christmas and praying for a happier 2021 for you and your loved ones!*

*Love and thanks, Jim & Elaine*

*Don't be afraid," he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great JOY to all people.  
The Saviour - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! (Luke 2:10-11)*

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