## Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Well, I've successfully completed a year of monthly messages... actually I think I missed June, but 12 months in all non the less. It was a commitment I made & it's been a great way for me to keep up on my passion for writing. Thank you all for your sweet comments, they keep me motivated. Recently the editor at our local newspaper informed me that he would like to use my messages as a regular column ①!

I had a blast organizing & performing a Christmas concert at our town's theater & would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to all those who helped out with the show! The theater board has asked if I could make it an annual thing... we'll see. It's a TON of fun, but a lot of additional work around the holidays. On top of my family to do list, December always has me singing more than any other time of year. I've performed at 8 different events this month & have had a wonderful time!

I found out not too long ago that I made it onto the Jenny Phillips choir & one of my songs won 4th place in a song writing competition held in Provo, UT. I'm shooting to enter another song this year & am looking forward to being a part of Jenny's beautiful firesides. I feel so bad not having a finished album though & the truth is I still have a long way to go, but this year I'm really going to try to make it into the studio more often. Honestly, I can't believe the amount of love & support you all show me regardless... I just can't tell you what that means to me. Despite all the hustle around the holidays, I pray for peace to fill your souls this Christmas & I hope we'll all be able to keep the deep joy of this season throughout the whole year.

About 13 years ago I began a real search for truth, never knowing much of Christ. After educating myself on many different beliefs, I thought I'd give His gospel a fair trial as well... leading me to make the best decision of my life. I chose to try my hardest to live the way He would want me to, no matter how tough it was to change. Since then I've witnessed miracle after miracle, which has left an imprint on my soul forever. I'm positive He's made more out of me than I could've ever made of myself. My personal relationship with Him is my most valued treasure & I strive to protect it every minute of everyday. When I kneel down & share my life with Him, He strengthens me & helps me to get back up after every hardship. The love I've found for myself & others seems endless when I seek to see them as He does & I know He can transform ANYONE'S life at ANYTIME. He is real. He is everything to me. Much love & Merry CHRISTmas everyone!

