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Dear Friend,

With a new year comes hope- for improvement in circumstances despite the grip of past difficulties. The worn out can be replaced or the broken repaired. Frequently planned obsolescence of manufactured goods makes the **new** seem the better option. Interestingly, the **new** gets mentioned positively in the light of things spiritual. Christians thankfully appreciate what God has done for them in the past, and also look longingly for what He will do with them in the future.

*Isaiah 43: 19 Behold, I am doing a **new** thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

*Isaiah 42:10 Sing to the Lord a **new** song, Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them.*

*Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and put a **new** spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,*

*Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a **new** covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creature; the old things passed away; behold, **new** things have come.*

*John 13:34 A **new** commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

*Isaiah 65:17 "For behold, I create **new** heavens and a **new** earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.*

*Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things **new**." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."*

In contrast to manmade things, Scripture's truths never grow old or become voided by the passage of time. Pray PIM's mission efforts encourage **new** spiritual growth and maturity in the lives of many.

May God abundantly bless you this year,

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A new classroom under construction