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Dear Friends,

As we come to the close of this year I am very very grateful for so many things.

Last November, 2021, my husband, Brian, took a very nasty fall in the middle of the night, and 2 weeks later he couldn't walk - his legs were paralyzed. We had been to doctors but no one seemed to see that he had fractured a vertebrae in his back, and it eventually settled at the base of his spine, cutting off all sensation to his legs.

He had emergency surgery and has spent the last year trying very hard to get back to normal.

I won't go into details, but it has been a very very difficult year for us. I thank God that he has worked very hard and is now walking and becoming almost completely independent.

Obviously, that is nothing in the larger scheme of things - the dreadful war in the Ukraine; the mass shootings and random attacks all over this country; the illnesses afflicting children; and the insanity that is happening in this world. And there seems to be nothing to do to help except pray, which I do.

Sorry that this is not a cheerful letter, but the times demand that we address these things.

Fortunately, we are healthy and I sincerely hope that all of you are as well.

I do wish you all the best for the coming year - may it be better for all around.

I would like to thank Walter Miller, who has had this club of ours running for so many years - I think it's 50 now - and of course, AJ, and Kit Williams, and everyone of you who takes the time to read the newsletters and to write to me.

I wish you all health and happiness and a lovely holiday season with friends and family, and all good wishes for a wonderful 2023!

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