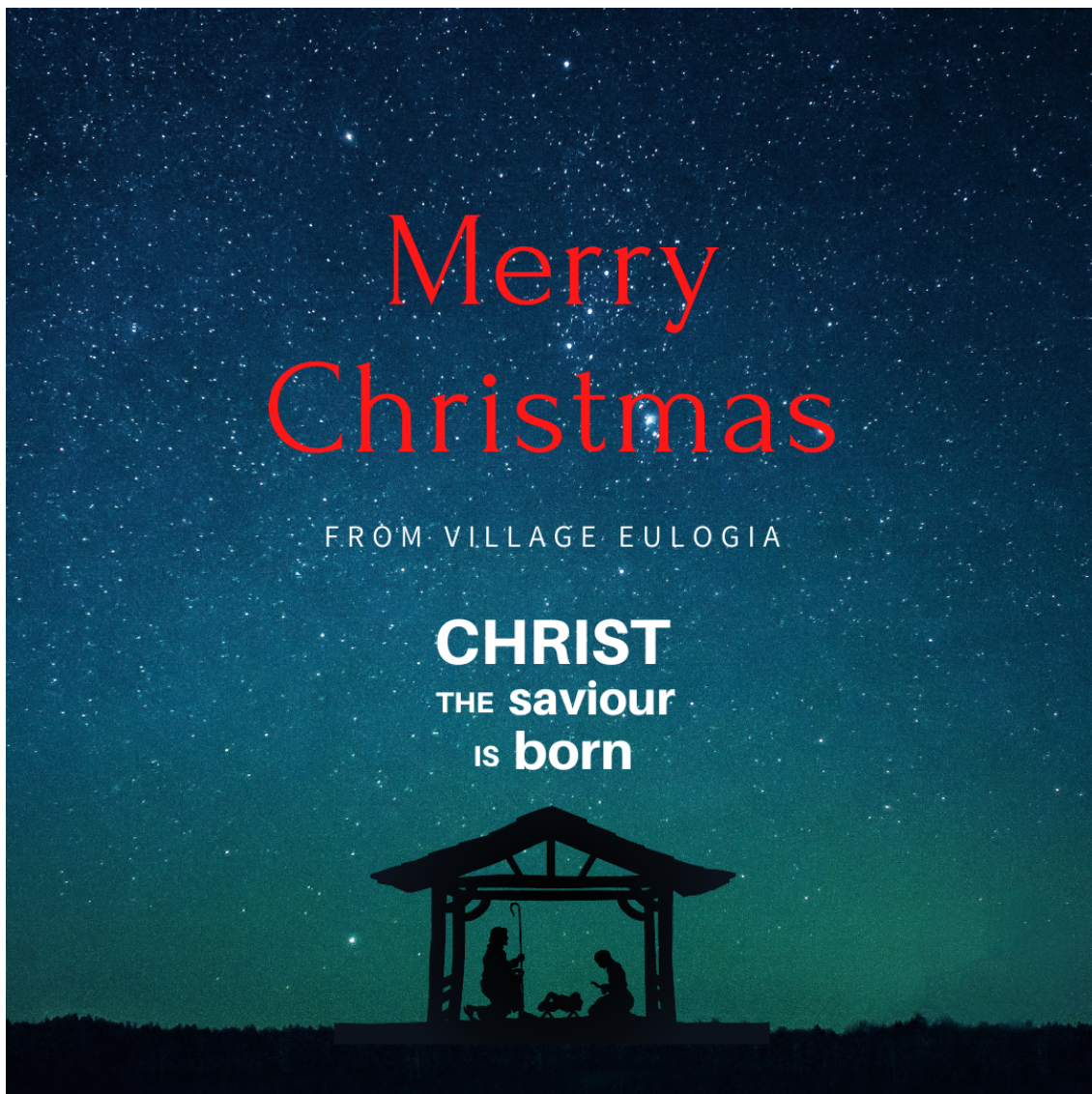


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When we think about the Christmas story, the image entering our mind may be the sweet baby Jesus lying peacefully in the manger, surrounded by his loving parents. But if we read the biblical accounts of Christmas, we see something different: the dumbstruck Zechariah, greatly troubled Mary, unsettled Joseph, and the terrified shepherds. Then we see Mary, an unmarried pregnant teenager, bursting into praise amid the unsettling doubts and fears: “My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46-7). She recounted the Lord’s mercy to His people over Israel’s history to remind herself and us of God’s unchanging love and mercy. This Christmas, we all face many uncertainties that are happening around the world and in our life. Yet, Mary reminds us that our joy comes from the unchanging love of God, who is Emmanuel, God with us. Following Mary’s example, let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, count our blessings, and rejoice in God our Savior!



## VE CHRISTMAS GATHERING



## Christmas Party

On Sat Dec 3rd, 85 people from Village Eulogia gathered to celebrate the Christmas season. We enjoyed a lively worship service, great food and fun games and activities. We also collected food donations which were taken to the local food bank. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with music,

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We want to wish you a Blessed Merry Christmas and THANK YOU. You helped us make 2022 a great year. Whether donor, supporter, volunteer, family member or staff; you are all an important piece of our Village. Your time, talents, finances, stories and willingness to share yourself and your family members with us, is what makes Village Eulogia who we are.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Village Eulogia is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2023. Mark April 22nd on your calendar and watch for more details on how we plan to celebrate that day.

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