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We get all excited hoping for more than we ever thought or dreamed of before. We have entered into year ten of the new millennium- hopefully we are in a “groove” by now. What’s new about 2010? The most profound thing is the *hope* that is attached. The last several years have been wrought with decline, despair, drought, depression. Could 2010 be the year that pulls us up out of the free fall? Our world would love to hear that hope and prosperity are just around the corner.

What is there?

Though there is no promise of prosperity, there is this: There is the potential in our lives, our communities, our world to dig in and make a difference.

One blogger mentioned that we shouldn’t let the Christmas spirit go this year – that we should continue in a spirit of generosity throughout the year. Another blogger is anticipating learning, loving and living in 2010. Dustus wrote about the New Year as “A passage to peaceful tomorrows.”

There are so many ways we can “pass into” 2010 and make a difference. We can contribute to peace, love, and learning. Many schools have literacy programs and welcome volunteers to spend an hour a day or a week to read with a child, food pantries and clothing closets, now that the holidays are over, will need renewed commitment in donations, non-profits serving the community need donations (both monetary and tangible), I’ve been in the non-profit sector for years. They are under a constant barrage of needs and a small trickle of encouragement.

It requires...

It’s 2010, let’s make this a year of hope, peace, life and love. Instilling these things doesn’t happen by osmosis -it requires US doing something!