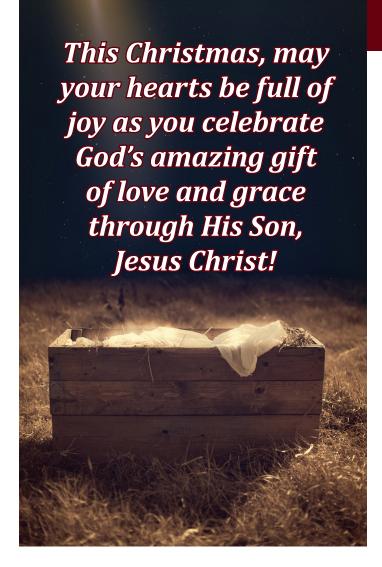
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Greetings to you all, our Dear Friends and Partners!

Our Heavenly Father's Greatest Gift to Mankind—Jesus

For Christians, Christmas celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Below is the Christmas story from Luke's gospel, telling of the birth of our Savior.

Luke 2:1-20 (NKJV)

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

- **2** This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.
- **3** So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.
- **4** Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
- **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.
- **6** So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.
- **7** And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- **8** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- **9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.
- **10** Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
- **11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

- **12** And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."
- **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:
- **14** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"
- **15** So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."
- **16** And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.
- **17** Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.
- **18** And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- **19** But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.
- **20** Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Jesus is the greatest and most precious gift a God of love could give to His creation. Jesus is a living demonstration of God's kind of love for us.

John 3:16-17 (CEV)

- **16** God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.
- **17** God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!

Because of the sin of Adam, mankind was born into sin, separating us from God. Our heavenly Father sent His only Son into the world as a man who was

born sinless and who, out of love and obedience to the Father, took our sin and punishment upon Himself. Jesus was born to save all who would be willing to open their hearts to His love.

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) says, "For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Entering into relationship with God is established by believing from our hearts that Jesus is the Son of God and the Lord of our lives. This results in us becoming righteous as new creations in Christ in the born-again experience, all by the Spirit of God.



Many believers in Christ might be a bit disappointed with the election results because of an expectation of greater results publicized throughout the media.

Let me encourage you—Satan thinks that he has won a victory, but God knew exactly what was going to happen.

Romans 5:20b (ESV)

But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

I believe that this is a life-changing experience from our heavenly Father, as grace is more powerful. The devil is incapable of winning because he has already lost. This nation is going through one of its greatest challenges, but God will get the glory for all that He is doing and going to do.

We are not in an impossible situation—that is a lie!

Psalm 24:1 (KJV)

The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

End-of-Year Giving

Thank you for your love and generous support this year! We have been able to go and touch many lives here in the United States and around the world, bringing God's presence to His people. We are grateful for you!

For those of you looking to give an end-of-the-year donation, your envelope needs to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2022. That way, we will be able to credit your gift as a donation for this year. Donations given through the website also need to be completed within this calendar year to quality as a 2022 donation. Thank you!

Colorado Ministry Office

We are believing for a used Toyota Tacoma or Tundra pickup truck for transporting things that are beyond what a car can handle. We have reached the point where we realize that having a truck would be a beneficial tool for the ministry. Thank you for believing with us as we are open for a donated truck or for the finances to purchase one.

Traveling Ministry

At the end of November, we ministered via Zoom to Russia, and at the beginning of December, we will be traveling for ministry within the US.

In February 2023, we will fly to minister on one of the Hawaiian islands where, back in 1988, we visited a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) ministry location.

At times, some humor has come from ministers about "suffering for Jesus" in Hawaii. In fact, there is a true story of a young minister who would send out newsletters for support in traveling to Third-World countries on mission trips. Then he was asked to come and minister in Hawaii. When he sent out the



newsletters for financial support to go to Hawaii, no one gave him any!

Well, we have been asked by a pastor in Hawaii to come and hold healing meetings in his church. This has been scheduled for next February. We believe that you, our partners and friends of this ministry, realize that no matter where we go to minister, it is always about Jesus. There are people who need ministry in Hawaii, the same as every other place.

As always when we travel, there is not only the cost of the trip itself—airline tickets, hotels, car rentals, etc.—but also the ministry office expenses. Our expenses for the February trip are currently at \$3,400.

We are also in preparation for again traveling overseas in April and May 2023.

To give toward these expenses, you can donate through our website, by phone, or through the mail (make checks payable to CLPMI): clpmi.org

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To all our partners and friends, we are grateful to you, as together God's purpose and calling are being fulfilled. I believe that in the future, in heaven, we will see all the fruit of the lives that were spiritually changed, with so many testimonies of the Lord's goodness.

Love and blessings,

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