

Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 KJV



Season's greetings to all of you, our partners and friends!

Jesus, Our Heavenly Father's Greatest Gift to Mankind

This December, as we celebrate Christmas with the giving of gifts, let us keep within our hearts and minds the idea that this holiday represents the greatest gift ever given to mankind: Jesus.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV, emphasis added)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The gift our heavenly Father gave in sending Jesus was motivated out of His great love.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God is holy and a just God, and the Law demanded that sin must be punished. This punishment was an impossible debt for mankind to pay.

Ephesians 2:4

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us.

Our merciful heavenly Father, out of His great love, sent God the Son to pay that debt that we could never pay.

The devil thought that he had won a victory by causing Adam and Eve to become sinners. But the payment Jesus paid by taking the sins of the world upon Himself satisfied the justice of God, restoring His creation back to Himself through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

So, this Christmas, as we gather together with family and friends, let us remember with hearts brimming with gratitude and love toward our heavenly Father and Jesus Christ that no greater gift of love has been given to us.

CLPMI's Year in Review

- **April and May** – April began with ministry at a men's meeting at a Colorado Springs church. We then flew overseas to minister in Scotland and England. There, we ministered at Healing Is Here Conferences and in churches in Bradford, Manchester, Exeter, Walsall, Dumfries, Grimsby, Leeks, and the Isle of Lewis. We returned to the US, where we ministered in Chicago.
 - **June** – We ministered at a camp meeting at a local church. Also, teachings were recorded for YouTube, an avenue that has connected us with many new people.
 - **July** – We attended the Andrew Wommack Ministries Summer Family Bible Conference, hosted a guest, traveled to minister in Oklahoma, and visited ministry friends in Missouri.
 - **August** – We ministered at churches in Oregon and Washington and then spent time in Montana and Idaho for personal ministry and connecting with ministry friends.
 - **September** – We were back in Colorado for scheduled times of personal ministry and for recording more teachings for YouTube. Some renovations were also accomplished here at our ministry offices, and the ministry truck was paid in full—with much gratitude to our partners and friends!
 - **October** – We attended the Andrew Wommack Ministries Ministers' Conference in Woodland Park, Colorado, and then ministered at Charis Christian Center in Colorado Springs. We also hosted guests for the conference and were able to record more teachings for YouTube and our partners.
 - **November** – This month began with ministry at a church in Texas, and then we traveled on to a church and conference
- **January** – Our year of ministry began at a church in California. Later in the month, we ministered at Charis Bible College in Woodland Park, Colorado.
 - **February** – We had the opportunity to minister in a church and at a healing conference in Hawaii.
 - **March** – We flew to Dallas, Texas, where we bought our new-to-us ministry truck, before traveling on to minister at a church in South Carolina. Next, we ministered at a church in Florida and in that church's Bible college. After meeting with ministry friends in Alabama, we traveled on to Texas to minister at a church.

in Florida. After those meetings, we ministered at another church in Florida and at a Bible college.

- **December** – We will travel back to Colorado not only for the coming Christmas holiday but also to minister at Charis Bible College in Woodland Park. We will then record more teachings for YouTube. This year, that has been an outreach that has helped us reach so many here in the US and around the world.

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 your support.

For those of you looking to give an end-of-the-year donation, your envelope needs to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2023; then, 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 qualify as a 2023 donation. Thank you!

Redemptive Love Ministries International

Pastor Ramin Parsa once pastored a church of over 200 people in Los Angeles, California. Almost all of those congregants were Iranians whom, I believe, Pastor Ramin led to the Lord. When we ministered in his church, four Muslims accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I was also able to minister with him over airwaves that were broadcast into Iran. In Iran, they have called him an Israeli spy, which was broadcast all over Iran.

Ramin has a powerful testimony of experiencing Jesus in how he came to accept Him in Iran and how he led all his brothers and most of his sisters to Jesus. He witnessed and led so many people

to the Lord that the Muslims tried to kill him by stabbing him with a knife. But they failed in their attempt and only wounded him. His bold witnessing put his family and friends in danger, so he fled Iran, traveling to Turkey, with no passport and only a small amount of money. In Turkey, he was connected by the direction of the Lord to an underground church of around fifty people. While he was involved with this church, it doubled in size, as he led around fifty Muslims to accept Jesus.

Another part of his testimony is that our government made him an American citizen, gave him an American passport, and brought him to America. On the way to America, the Lord gave him a warning. The Lord never warned him about all the danger he would experience in Iran and Turkey, but when he came to America, the Lord spoke to him, saying for him “not to leave his first love, Jesus.” Boy, that speaks volumes!

Today Pastor Ramin is married to an Israeli woman, and they reside in Israel. There, they have a ministry in Jerusalem called Hope of Israel.

My main reason for sharing a portion of Ramin’s testimony is that he is believing to purchase a church building in Jerusalem. Here at CLPMI, we are believing to be one of many each giving \$10,000 for this nearly 6,000-square-foot building so that it will be paid in full.

To give toward the purchase of this church building, you can donate via our website, by phone, or by mail:

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I believe that 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,

Cecil + Lisa

Merry Christmas!

This Christmas, may your hearts be full of joy as you celebrate God's amazing gift of love and grace through His Son, Jesus Christ!

The Christmas Story

This year, we are offering a free holiday video download on our website, clpmi.org. We hope you enjoy the Christmas story told through images and narrated by Lisa Paxton.

**The
Christmas
Story**

Read by Lisa Paxton

As a reminder, you can also download nearly all of our teachings and e-books for free from our website!