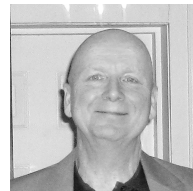


# Lo The d Ou Righteousness

## Jesus Thank You for Coming Down

Elder Charles Moore



listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word."

As a follow-up

activity to the story, each child was given three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger and yellow strips of paper for the manger straw. Small squares of flannel from a thrown away nightgown were used for the baby's blanket while a doll-like baby was made from pieces of tan felt. As the Americans made their way around the room to observe the children, this is what one of the Americans noted,

*"All went well until I got to one table where little Misha sat. He looked to be about 6 years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see, not one but two babies in the manger. Quickly, I called for the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in the manger." Misha very accurately recalled the story that had been told until he came to the part where Mary put Jesus in the manger. Then Misha, started to ad-lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, "And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me*

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One of the more popular TV game shows is The Price Is Right which was hosted by good old Bob Barker for decades, but is now hosted by Drew Carey. Competing on The Price Is Right begins when the announcer calls a contestant's name and calls out "Come on down!"

This was Isaiah's desire..... his hope was that God would come down and show Himself in power. **"Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, That the mountains might quake at Your presence." (Isaiah 64:1).** This hope is also our hope--- our only hope in fact that was satisfied in Jesus.

Christmas is a time of expectation, anticipation, and preparation to celebrate the fact that Jesus *came* down into this world 2,000 years ago... that Jesus *has come* into the hearts of those who believe and has caused us to become new creations... children of God... ..and that Jesus *will come* back again and usher in God's kingdom in all its fullness! These are three advents, or 'coming downs' of Christ: Immanuel-God with us in the flesh, the coming of Jesus into our hearts and the

coming of Jesus in glory. Know this too - that our hope resides in a Person and not in a movement, not in a political party, not in a country, not in a new age, but the person of Jesus. He has come down for you and me.

I like this story about two Americans who in 1994 answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics (based on Biblical principles) in the public schools. They were invited to teach at prisons, businesses, the fire and police departments, and a large orphanage.

It was nearing the holiday season when the orphans heard for the first time the traditional Christmas story. The Americans told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem and, finding no room in the inn, the couple went to a stable, where Jesus was born and placed in the manger. Throughout the story, the children, according to one of the Americans, "sat in amazement as they

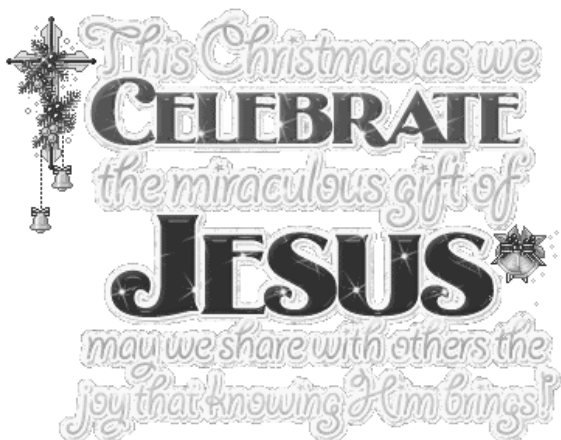


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*and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no momma and I have no papa, so I don't have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him I couldn't because I didn't have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, 'If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?' And Jesus told me, 'If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me'. So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him - 'for always.' As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his little cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon or abuse him, someone who would stay with him - for always!"*

My prayer is that we would recognize our need for Him as this little boy did and that our hearts would be as desperate to be found by and loved by Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, the One Who is God with us and Who is God in us and God Who is coming back again for us. May He receive all glory and honor and praise!



## Cyberspace News



In August Casey Johnson went on a mission trip to Kashmir, India. The four from his New Jersey church shared God's love with children in villages in the Himalayan Mountains and living in an orphanage in Leh. Kerry and Kathleen enjoyed a visit with David Charles during his trip out east. On Max Huang's one year birthday, Leanne and Jon dedicated him to the Lord. After the church service there was a big party for family and friends.

The above news came just after the last newsletter left. I also got a couple of wonderful pictures from Kathleen which I am including in the newsletter.

I am experiencing a virus as I write this so please excuse any mistakes. This month I have heard from Rip and Norma Ripley, Dorothy Layton, Deborah Stoner, Ellen Momberger, Roy and Bennie Gee.

Rip and Norma are struggling to get through this rough patch in their life, but Rip visits and tries to comfort Norma in every way he can. I know they would appreciate notes and cards from you all.

Dorothy reported a lovely Thanksgiving spent at Deborah and Jim Stoner's. Jim has had a lot of tests battling a blood clot in his leg, but is now feeling better.

Ellen Momberger has made a move into assisted living in her same apartment complex. She is trying to get settled in and adjusting to her new routine. The only change in her address is that her apartment number is now 208. Her son Carl and wife Sherry got her settled in and then took a vacation in England and Germany. It seems David Charles and Kathy Smeltzer took a trip to England to visit Albert and Pearl Charles about the same time. We do have a traveling group.

Bennie wrote that they were having two big Thanksgiving meals this year, one with friends and one with their son Jon and family.

I am sure Thanksgiving brought a lot of family groups together. The Lord surely bestows many blessings on us for us to be thankful for. Now we move in to celebrating Jesus' birth. May you all have a blessed season.





## Michigan Report

Tim Begeman

November started off with the end of the election season, thank God. Finally an end to political ad carpet bombing and phone campaign obfuscating. I think Diane wore out the channel change button on the remote trying to navigate around political TV advertisements. Also, November is the month for the slow change of weather and the start of the holiday season where we have to dig out the long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, coats, stylish boots, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs, an extra blanket, thick socks, thermal underwear, insulated vests, recipe books, gravy boats, pie pans, electric knives, large serving platters, turkey basters, napkin rings, turkey figurines, veggie trays, table leaves, table cloths, table runners, and earth colored napkins. It is truly a time to reflect on everything we have to be thankful for.

Elder Moore continued his sermon trek through the book of John in November. He taught on chapters four and five. The stories and lessons included: the women at the well, Jesus healing the man at the pool of Bethesda, and Jesus being equal with God.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November we again went to the Magnum Nursing Home to have an abbreviated church service for the residents there. We sang requested hymns, had a short message about the grace of God and ended with warm feelings for all the residents and staff workers.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November we joined the Petersburg Church of God Seventh day for their annual Thanksgiving celebration. We all had a wonderful time at their special worship service. Elder Moore had a special and moving Thanksgiving video. The service culminated with an invigorating and encouraging sermon entitled "Let Us Have Grace" by Whaid Rose. One of his main points was when people say: "life is not fair!" That's what God's grace is, God offering salvation which is something we can never merit or deserve.

Elder David Charles and daughter Kathy Smeltzer took a trip to the land of David's birth, Wales, the land of sheep and roundabouts this month. They always had to keep in mind to negotiate all roundabouts clockwise only. David wanted to visit his brother Albert and wife Pearl now that Albert is 92 years old. They flew into London Heathrow on the 17<sup>th</sup> and sojourned, sightseeing and enjoyed the rainy UK until the 26<sup>th</sup>. David and Kathy stayed with Albert and Pearl for four days and enjoyed Pearl's warm and all-encompassing hospitality. The four of them ended up celebrating a much more health minded Thanksgiving at the home of Albert and Pearl. After that David and Kathy traveled to one of the eastern most parts of England, the Dover area to visit one of David's distant cousins.

For Thanksgiving this year Diane and I enjoyed the company of two of our sons, Nick, his wife Brittanie, Seth and his wife Abby. Also, we were joined by Abby's Dad, Rich. After Diane cooked Thanksgiving dinner with a few of us pitching in we circled the table jockeying for position. Diane finally called out "just sit down there are no assigned seats". After I asked the blessing we had to get up and race to the buffet counter where Diane had carefully placed all of the Thanksgiving fare. As is her custom Diane had to point out the items she made especially for me, because of my discerning diet I don't eat animal flesh or dairy and dairy byproducts. My sons always point at the dishes that Diane whips up for me with extreme dismay. All in all we had a wonderful meal with much laughter shared by all.

Also this month Katie Begeman reached a milestone by turning 18. She is now officially an adult and missed her first time voting only by a couple of weeks. Now, she can make her own decisions concerning her future and we all pray it will be full of blessings and in Mr. Spock tradition that she live long and prosper.

Try to learn something about everything and everything about something.

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## Why Jesus Is Better than Santa Claus

Santa lives at the North Pole ...  
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh ...  
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year ...  
JESUS is an ever-present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies ...  
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa doesn't know your name; all he can say to the little boy or girl is, "What's your name?"

JESUS knew your name before you did. Not only does He know your name, He also knows your address. He knows your history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on your head.

Santa says, "You better not cry" ...  
JESUS says, "Cast all your cares on me, for I care for you."