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## H.I.S. Ministries December Newsletter, covering November 2012

### We wish you blessed Christmas!

A few years ago there was a survey done in Europe among children between six and twelve years old asking: *Why do we celebrate Christmas?* Most of them did not have any idea that Christmas is related to the Christian faith in Jesus as the Savior and Redeemer of mankind. They only knew that it was the time when they could expect gifts from Santa Claus on condition of being good. As far as Christmas songs, they knew “*Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*” and “*I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas*”, but nothing about Jesus. America is not far behind in that trend. Christ has been left out of Christmas. It has become, year by year, harder to find even cards that have “*Merry Christmas*” written on them or any reference to Jesus’ Birth – they just say “*Happy Holiday*”. We older people ☺ may still remember what Christmas used to be, but by watching TV shows or commercials our young viewers are hard pressed to learn that Christmas is supposed to honor the birth of Jesus Christ, the prophetic event, foretold during 1500 years prior, by God’s prophets in the Bible. Most of today’s people have no idea that there are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the first coming of Jesus that have been proven fulfilled. About 750 years before the birth of Christ Jesus, Isaiah wrote (Is. 7:14): “***Therefore the LORD Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel***”. Fulfillment of this is recorded in Matt. 1:23 that says, “***Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.***” As it was during the time of Jesus’ birth, so it is today - “*...seeing they see not...hearing they hear not*”. That Jesus was born is the historical fact, but the reason for His birth is often ignored. Isaiah wrote (9:6), “***For unto us the Child is born, unto us the Son is given.***” ***He is given to us so that we through Him may become children of God*** (John 1:12). ***Salvation is God’s gift, given to all who will receive Him.*** A great majority of people reject God and His Word today as they did then when He came. **Is Christ a living reality in your life?** If He is not, then His birth in Bethlehem has no significance to you either. However, your eternity depends on your answers to these questions: **Do you know Him? Is He in your life today? Have you been born again, as Jesus said we must?** (John 3:7.) (See also Romans 10:9-10 and Eph. 2:8-10.)

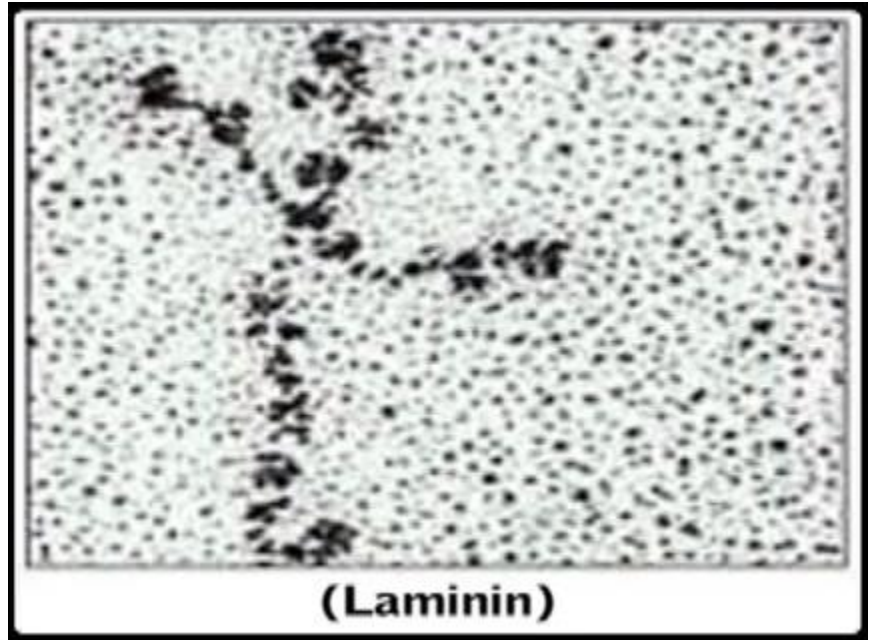
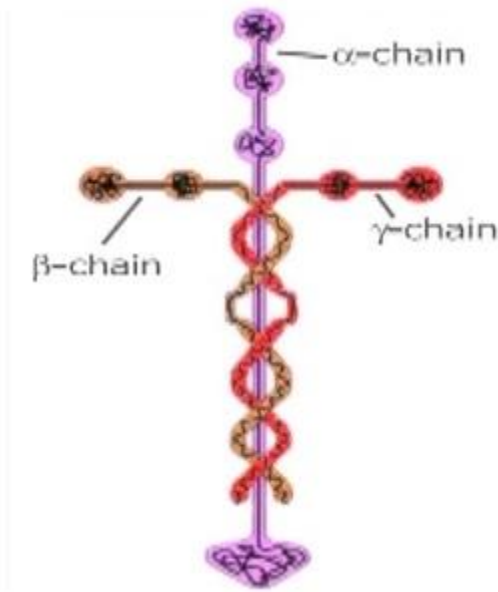
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, certain wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, “***Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.***” (Matt. 2:2-3.) King Herod gathered the chief priests and scribes together and demanded to know if this was indeed a prophecy, and if it was, he demanded to know where Christ should be born. They told him, “***In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel.***” (Matt. 2:5-6.) It is interesting that these chief priests and scribes knew what was written in Micah 5, but there is no report saying that

they did anything about it – they did not go looking for their Messiah-King as did the wise men from the East who had made this long journey to come and see, and worship Him. It does not do much good to *know the scriptures*, unless we believe them, act on them and apply them to our lives. It is very much the same today. Some may know what is said there in, but they are not looking to see what is happening in our day concerning yet unfulfilled prophecies of God. The entirety of God’s Word is given for us so that we could know what lies ahead and not be found ashamed by ignorance of what God has foretold that will happen before the Second Coming. (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16.) There is a great need to bring these prophecies to view, for we are nearing the Second Coming of Christ that the Bible records even in more detail than about His First Coming. (Matt. 24:3.) Prophecy is not a popular subject in our day, but surely it all will happen just as God has said it will happen. **He will come again**, and that might be very soon. Ignoring Him and His Word does not change the eternal fact spoken of in John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” He paid for my sins and your sins when He died on the cross of Calvary. **“He was buried, and He rose again on the third day according to the scriptures”** and ascended to heaven. This same Jesus will return just as it was written. (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 1:11.) Even during our lifetime we have seen many prophecies come to pass that were foretold to happen before **the Second Coming**. (Dan. 9:24-27). Can we not see from the signs of our time that His coming is getting near? - In May 14, 1948 Israel was born **at once, in a day** (Isa. 66:8) when they gathered as a nation from the four corners of the world to her own land after nearly 2000 years of exile. (Ezekiel 36:19-24; Isa. 11:11-12.) As also was foretold, during their exile they did not lose their national identity, and in spite of living among all nations around the world for those years, when they came back they did as the scriptures had promised, i.e. that when *they will return they will speak pure Hebrew* (Zeph. 3:9), which is the official language of Israel today. Incredible! Because Israel is *God’s land*, yet a very small country, all the nations are against her, and *they want to divide her land* (Joel 3:2), but people of Israel *have stood upon their feet and built a great army in order to defend themselves.* (Ezek. 37:10.) It should be obvious to all who know the scriptures that war against Israel **is a spiritual war** – for the Devil is against all that belongs to God, be it His land or His chosen people. **“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about...”** (Zech. 12-2-3.) To discover where we are in God’s time-table, we must keep our eyes on Israel. God reveals what He is doing through Israel, even though they are mostly still in unbelief. (Read Ez. 36-39.) We thank Israel for what we also, as Gentiles, have received through her. Our Bible was written by Jews, our Creator and coming King is a Jew, and we must get ready to welcome Him back. **The Lord Jesus, He is the one who created the universe, our world and all that is in it, including us.** **“For by Him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him and for Him: and He is before all things and by Him all things consist.”** (Col. 1:16-17.) **That means that He is the Sustainer, the Controller of the Universe and all that is there in and He holds it all together.** When we look at the sun, moon and stars - constellations and billions of stars - *they all declare His glory* (Ps. 19:1). As His own, *we were bought at a price* (1 Cor. 6:19-20) *and we glorify God, we glory in His cross* (Gal. 6:14) and we declare **His cross that is the power and wisdom of God to salvation.** (1 Cor. 1:18-31.)

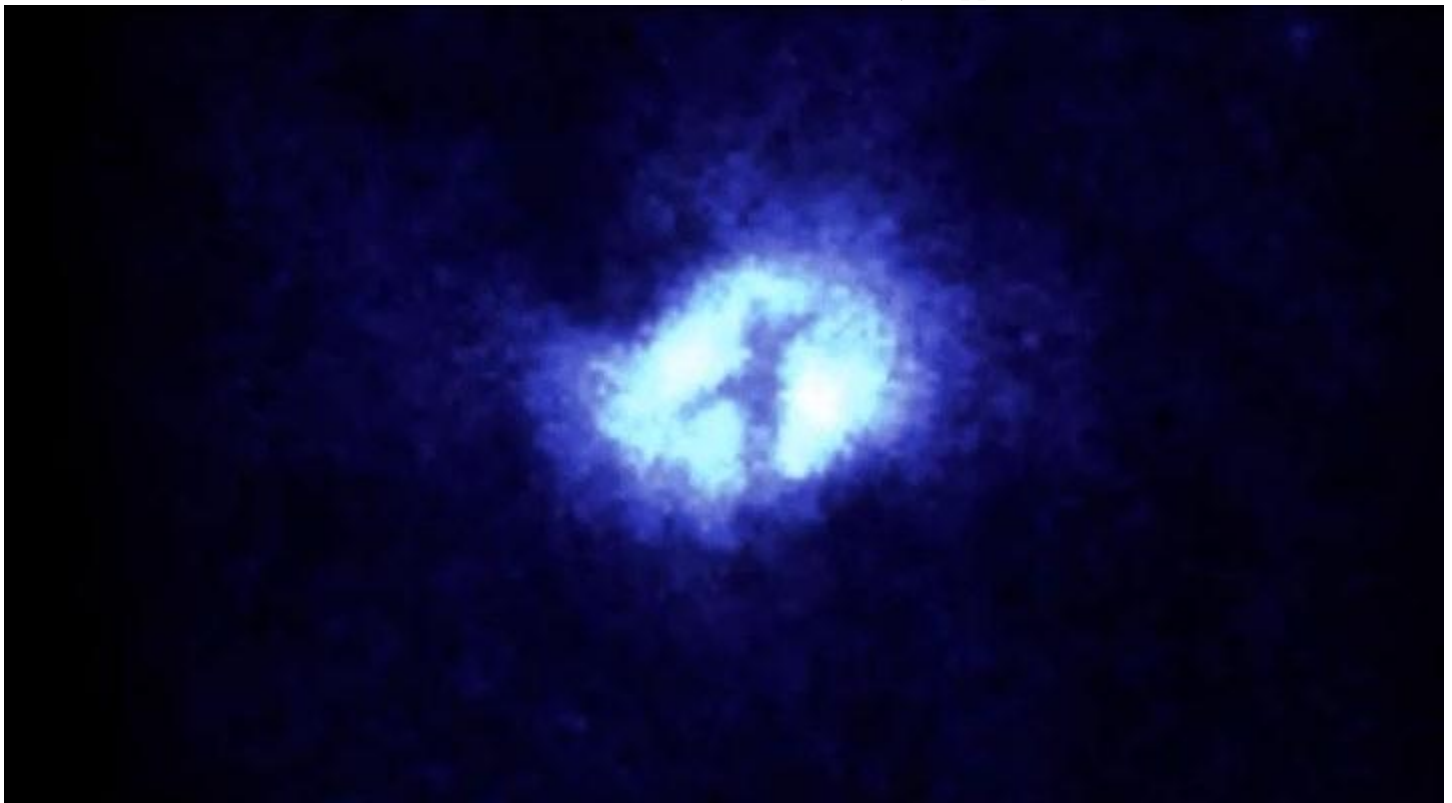
We find it absolutely amazing that even in our bodies we have the **“mark of the cross”**, and *through it He literally holds us together*. It is called **“laminin”!**

**“For you have formed my inward parts; You have woven me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret...Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written...How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them.”** (Psalm 139:13-17, NKJV.)

*Below is a scientific model of laminin, and next to it is an electron microscope-view of it in the human body.*



Let us worship the Lord and glorify Him in our lives and share His salvation message to the lost. They cannot be saved until they recognize that they are lost. (Matt. 9:13.) If they are lost, we must introduce them to Jesus, the real One. (Luke 15:10.) The Bible makes it clear that everyone must one day stand before Him and acknowledge Him either as their Savior and God, or as their judge. “...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11.)



If you have an opportunity to view Louie Giglio's DVD titled *How Great Is Our God*, you'll see that there is a **cross in the center of the Whirlpool Galaxy, exactly as it is in our human body** (see above). *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament (expanse of heaven) shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge."* (Ps. 19:1-2.) **How great indeed is our God!!!**

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### **From our mailbox:**

**A Mormon man wrote:** *"I am 33 years old, married about 12 years, and we have an 8-year old daughter. I grew up as a "jack-Mormon". My mom went to church but my dad did not. My wife grew up in an active LDS family, her father being a bishop. She helped me to turn away from my bad habits. Being religious was not for me – I had felt that it was a bit hokey for my liking. Anyway, we married in a temple, but I did not get that comfortable feeling that I had expected. One day I was watching a movie about Islam, and how they trained their kids to be suicide-bombers – and they all seemed to be happy about it. That kind of got me thinking – if these people can be so devoted to their god (Allah) that they are willing to send their kids to die in the name of Allah to kill Jews, could it also be possible that Mormons are brainwashing their children to believe weird things like temple-rituals and work for the dead, D&C and Pearl of Great Price that teach things not in accordance with the Bible? Even though I have to admit that regardless of these strange doctrines, Mormonism is much more appealing than Islam. I ended up going to Iraq with a Christian friend who attends Calvary Chapel. He knew a lot more about the Bible than I, and he got me interested in listening Chuck Missler's Bible-studies. I saw so many holes in my Mormon Church that I now am sure that it is not true at all. I have never been more sure of anything before, and I am convicted in this. I have become a non-denominational Christian, believer in the Jesus of the Bible, but I have a big problem with my wife and daughter. My wife refuses to listen to anything that is not from the LDS Church. My daughter will be turning 8 in 2 months, and my wife wants me to baptize her. I love my family but this is tearing us apart. What shall I do? "*

**My reply:** I understand you dilemma. However, your responsibility now as a believer in Christ Jesus of the Bible is to help your wife and daughter to learn and to trust the Word of God, the Bible. If you'd explain to your wife that studying the Bible with Chuck Missler's Bible-study CDs (as you have done) should be OK with any Mormon, for he does not try to convert anyone to any church, but to Christ. That should not be objectionable to your wife for the 8<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith of the LDS Church says that they are to believe the Bible, even if only "*as far as translated correctly*" – meaning that **they are to believe all that IS translated correctly**. If translation becomes a question to her at any point, agree to test it for it can be done. [The Hebrew text for the Old Testament and the Greek text for the New Testament are obtainable as well as dictionaries of those languages.] You may want to ask her **if the truth does matter to her**. If she says "yes", then half the battle is already won. If she comes to understand that you only want the TRUTH, she could not view biblical truth as "anti-Mormon", right? I can mail you the Gospel of John study by Missler, and as you study with her, verse by verse, you may be able to see the very same change in her too, as it happened to you. God's Word, studied in context, makes a big difference. The Gospel of John starts with **WHO Jesus is** (John1: 1-14), it will lead her to know Him as she has not known before. His Word, if believed and obeyed will free her. Just as Jesus said to the Jews of His day, it will accomplish the same in her too: **"If you continue in My Word, then you are My disciple indeed; and ye shall know the truth, the truth shall make you free."** (John 8:31-32.) Let me know if you'd like to get this study? – or you may already have it? As to baptizing your daughter – **of course you cannot do that**. You would not want her to become a member of a church that your already know not to be true at all. As her father, you would want her too to come to know the truth and have eternal life, for that is what knowing Jesus means. (John 17:3, 17.) Your daughter is old enough to join you and your wife in the Bible study. Studying the Word of God together as a family will bring you closer, and stronger in the Lord. God is Love and He will bless you when you follow Him. Let me know what more I can do for you. – Rauni

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### **A Mormon declared his beliefs and stated:**

“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints teaches that the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve were placed, was in Independence, Missouri, and that after they were cast out of the Garden they went about 40-50 miles North and established the place we call Adam-ondi-Ahman, known now as Spring Hill, in Daviess County, Missouri. We also believe that this is the same place where Adam, the Ancient of Days, who was called Michael the Archangel during the creation (D&C 27:11; 116), will come and hold a great council before the “great and dreadful day of the Lord”. We believe that until the Noah’s Flood, all mankind lived in that land or valley. This is the place where the New Jerusalem will be built before the Second Coming of Jesus and where the lost ten tribes of Israel will gather. I understand that you and others outside of the LDS Church believe that this all happened (and will come to pass) somewhere in the Middle East and not in America. Is America not the Promised Land told about in the Book of Mormon? (1 Nephi 2:20; 10:13; 2 Nephi 1:5.) Can you explain why you believe that this did not take place in American Continent but somewhere in the Middle East– and that end will not take place here in America as well?”

**My reply:** Maybe you’d need to pay attention what the Bible says – it is the **Book of Books** and its history is proven beyond question by archeological and historical evidences. We can locate places that it talks about, which is not the case with the Book of Mormon. I will give you a brief list of facts: Israel is the nation mentioned most often in the Bible. The second most often mentioned nation in the Bible is known to us as **Iraq in the Middle East**. The Bible uses names like *Babylon, Land of Shinar* and *Mesopotamia* of that area. The word *Mesopotamia* means “*between two rivers*”, i.e. *Tigris and Euphrates Rivers*. Name *Iraq* means “*country with deep roots*”. And that is what Iraq is – a country with deep roots and it is a very significant country in the Bible. Some reasons for that are: **1. Eden was in Iraq** – (Genesis 2:10-14) **2. Adam and Eve were created in Iraq** – (Genesis 2:7-8.) **3. Satan made his first recorded appearance in Iraq** – (Genesis 3:1-6.) **4. Nimrod established Babylon and Tower of Babel was built in Iraq** – (Genesis 10:8-9 and 11:1-4.) **5. Confusion of the languages took place in Iraq** – (Genesis 11:5-11.) **6. Abraham came from a city of Ur in Chaldea, which is in Iraq** – (Genesis 11:31; see also Acts 7:2-4.) **7. Isaac’s bride came from Iraq** – (Genesis 24:3-4, 10.) **8. Jacob spent 20 years in Iraq** – (Genesis 27:42-45; 31:38.) **9. The first world Empire was in Iraq** – (Daniel 1:1-2; 2:36-38.) **10. The greatest revival in history was in Nineveh, a city in Iraq** – (Jonah 3.) **11. The events in the book of Ester took place in Iraq** – (Ester.) **12. The book of Nahum was a prophecy against a city in Iraq** – (Nahum.) **13. The Book of Revelation has prophecies against Babylon** – old name for the nation of Iraq – (Revelation 17 and 18.) **14. No other nation, except Israel, has more biblical history and prophecy associated with it than Iraq.**

America has no part in biblical history; nor does the future event when Jesus comes back involve America. He will come to Jerusalem (Zech.14), and rule and reign from there for 1000 years. (Rev. 19 & 20.) At the end of 1000 thousand years there will be the Great White Throne Judgment where unsaved will be judged by their works that are written in the books. (Rev. 20:11-15.) That judgment will be totally just and fair. Believers, whose names were written in the *Lamb’s Book of Life*, will not be judged there, but at the Bema-seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:13-15) where their works have been evaluated for rewards prior to 1000 year reign of Christ where believers have been reigning with Him. Their sins were forgiven by the Blood of the Lamb, and they will not come into judgment (Rom. 8:1) – only those who wanted and counted on being saved by their works will be standing before the White Throne Judgment. They will find out that their works will not count for their salvation at all. (Rev. 11-15.) “Their works”, written in these “books” – even their “good works” will not save them. Only Jesus’ blood, shed in our behalf, is able to save. (1 John 1:7; Romans 4:2-8; Eph. 2:8-9.) This is going to be time of wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 13:50) that will last forever and ever. Please make sure that you know the True Jesus of the Bible, “..for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12.) When you receive Him, you are born again. (John 1:12.) That belief is the only work that counts before God (John 6:28-29; Eph. 2:8-9), and then and only then, is your name written in *the Lamb’s Book of Life* that lists those who

are *the saved*. “*Today is the day of salvation.*” (Hebr. 3:7-15.) Tomorrow is not promised to anyone. Do not put off your decision for Christ. We all are only *one heart-beat away* from eternity. *After death comes judgment* (Hebr. 9:27) – there is no second chance after death. We pray that you would get into a serious Bible-study and come to recognize Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. He said, “*I AM the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.*” (John 14:6.) He also said that *He is the only one who came from heaven* (mankind did not) for *He is God.* “*I AM from above; ye are from this world; I AM not of this world. ...if ye believe not that I AM He, ye shall die in your sins.*” (John 8:23-24.) (*Only God can forgive sins.* Mk 2:7) – If you have further questions or comments, please write again.

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If you'd like to listen to traditional *Christian* Christmas songs, tune into **BBN radio** (The Bible Broadcasting Network). It comes from Charlotte, North Carolina. In Utah we can listen to it by tuning in **FM 95.5 or 91.3**. They play Christmas songs 24/7 starting **12/1/ through 12/31/12**. We have enjoyed them for many years past and intend to keep our radio on that dial all day and all night. We are looking forward to hearing our very favorite Christmas songs including “*Mary Did You Know?*” I will type the words for this beautiful song so that you can sing along as you listen:

*“Mary did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?”*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?*

*This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?*

*And when your kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.*

*Oh Mary did you know--- The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.*

*The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy is the Lord of all creation?*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?*

*Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's perfect Lamb?*

*This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM.”*

At that time Mary knew only what the angel had declared to her: “... *the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto the city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what kind of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father*



*David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1:26-38.)*

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We can make a difference in our communities as did these shoppers in this Mall. Type this into your search engine, and enjoy singing of Christmas songs: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnt7euRF5Pg> (Thank you, Brenda.)

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We want to thank you, our prayer partners and supporters for your encouragement and help you have given to us, for the fact is that without you we would not be able to do this work. We know that every one of you is *God-sent* to us, for we have asked that He shows us through His own people that He wants us to continue in this ministry work.

The Lord has blessed us to see so many coming to know Him during this year of 2012, and escape the bondage of Mormonism. Each one who boldly and courageously responds to God’s love is truly a miracle of the Lord. To most Mormons leaving means loss of family and friends. There are so many more that would escape if there were more “*watchmen on the wall*” (Ez. 33:7-9) to share the information and who would love them enough and patiently tell them about the Truth and Love of Jesus for them. We sincerely hope and pray that all who have participated in our *Understanding Mormonism* classes his Fall (and before), spending eleven long Sunday evenings with us learning the differences between Mormonism and biblical Christianity, will become devout *ministers of the gospel in Utah*. Sharing the Truth with all who have had false information about our incredible, amazing and loving God is more satisfying work than anything else we could ever do. Helping the previously lost into the Kingdom of God creates eternal friendships. Family and blood relationships may only last during this life, but when we become *born again children of God* (John 1:12-13), we have His assurance of everlasting relationship with Him, and also through Him with others likewise born of the Spirit of God. Apostle John wrote specifically of this surety in 1 John 5:13, “*These things I have written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe in the name of the Son of God.*” Thus we read that assurance of salvation comes through the written Word of God (John 1:1, 14; 6:28-29; 14:6; Eph. 2:8-9) – there is no need to just *hope, guess* or *rely on feelings* – we are saved when we receive the Truth about Jesus who is God, and rely on Him alone for our salvation and “eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” (Titus 1:2.)

We have received prayer requests again for Debbie – she has had some serious set-backs on her recovery from her cancer. She is a beautiful and brave lady, who, in spite of chemo-therapy, surgeries and many other painful treatments, has retained her faith in the Lord’s purposes for all this suffering. When I had my cancer and other illnesses awhile back, I received comfort from God’s Word, and especially from Psalm 119 where the Lord assured that *He will be my comfort* during my trials, and that *it is even good for me to be afflicted so that I may learn God’s statutes.* PS. 119:49-50, 71-77.) I hope that these words of the Lord will comfort her too.

Please pray for Bruce and his business plans that they will succeed, and for Heber and his hopes for a new trial, as well as his tinnitus ear problem. We continue to pray and ask your prayers for Dick and Patty, Sandy and Al, Max, Pat and Merridy, and also for Dale and Sharon for much needed relief. We thank the Lord with Preston and Kathy for their 2 new healthy grandbabies – they are a blessing and joy for the entire family. We pray also for Bibi

and Billy and their new baby girl. Lots of joy there! ☺

We ask your prayer for Dixie who has been studying the history of the LDS church for a few months now, and wants to know the Truth about origin and doctrines of Mormonism as well as relearning and understanding the Bible. We have spent many hours on the phone as well as emailing. We are praying with her that her husband and children will also see the need for following the truth – for there are eternal consequences in following something that is not God’s Truth. We are working with several other LDS persons currently who are very troubled and even scared. We hope that their fears will diminish and that their love for truth will grow. Becky and Sam are a “big success story” in that even though their coming out of generational Mormonism happened only 8-9 months ago, they have shared with their relatives and friends, bringing several more to the Lord already. They are an inspiration to us and to all who have come to know them. Chris and Jamie Hohnbaum are a huge help to us – they understand for they are “our former Mormons” too. They bring people to us and encourage all who are willing to search for the truth. God is so good and faithful.

We wish you very **Happy Celebration of Christmas and a good New Year.**

Be assured that the Lord cares for His own as you are. (Phil 4:6-7.)

In Christ Jesus,

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**Thought for the Month:** *Satan would much rather lead you to believe a lie about God than direct you to do a wrong thing. He wants you to think that it does not matter what you believe about God, “it is only your good works that will earn your salvation and take you to heaven.”*

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