



Merry Christmas

Dear Friends of Kids for Christ,

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May the joy of Christmas be ever present in your hearts as we celebrate once more the birth of our Savior. The word "Joy" is always associated with Christmas, but this gift of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) is often not understood nor possessed by many. The economic and spiritual condition of our country is at an all time low and many people are anxious or depressed, but the joy of Christmas is not found in being secure economically, but in being secure with God. Paul wrote to the Church at Philippi:

"I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:10-13)

Paul was able to rejoice because he had learned to be content in any and all situations. He says "**Rejoice** in the Lord always. I will say it again: **Rejoice!**" (Philippians 4:4) To the Church at Thessalonica he said, "Be joyful always;" (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Are you content and joyful this Christmas season? The key is this – we must depend upon the strength that comes through Christ.

The word joy is often found in the Scriptures tied with a negative. James said: "*Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*" (James 1:2-4) The Hebrew writer says this about Jesus: "*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the **joy** set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*" (Hebrews 12:2)

The possessor of this joy is able to look past the present suffering to what lies ahead. He is able to hold up under pressure and positively go through trials glorifying God – living by faith. That is why Paul was content and that is why we should be content as well.

This Christmas let us: "*Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold on to the word of life.*" (Philippians 2:14-16a)

May you truly have a Joyous Christmas!

The year is quickly coming to a close, but not the work of Kid's for Christ, International. The work continued in the six countries faithfully proclaiming the good news of Christ. Thousands of children heard about Jesus, many of them for the first time. We praise God for the faithful workers who continue to carry the torch for Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are celebrating with great joy the addition of the seventh country to our number – India. Bangalore is a city of nine million in south India. Workers have been trained to lead KFC in five locations. Abraham Eapen, the man in charge, wrote conveying the plan is to have five Christmas programs in December – they anticipate around 500 children will attend, many of them hearing the story of the birth of Christ for the first time. The e-mail is in response to the first program:

Dear Chuck,

We praise the Lord for the wonderful Christmas program at Rachel's place. She expected 25 kids and about 50 kids came. We had to buy additional gifts as we made only 25 packets ready. The program was very good. We had the puppet show, a game (treasure hunt), a small video clip on the birth of Jesus, an activity in which kids were divided into 3 groups like, angels, shepherds and wise men. All the kids enjoyed the program and Rachel is planning to continue the group on a monthly basis.

David and Amaran also joined the program. Two of Rachel's cousins were there to help her. Both of them are potential volunteers. We praise the Lord for your prayers and the time you took to equip us.

The next program is on Wednesday, 14th at Vinod's place. Please pray for the blessing of this.

God bless you,
Abraham

WOW! What can I say but “God is able to do immeasurably more than what we could ever ask and imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

Plans are being made for a trip to Asia and Africa in February and March. This will probably be a six-week trip making contact with our current KFCI locations. I haven't been to the Philippines, Thailand or Liberia for two years and it is necessary to visit the teams. I would also like to go back to India on this trip since I acquired a visa with multiple entries (the visa expires the end of March). Abraham would like to go to another area south of Bangalore and north to Nepal to train workers there.

Depending on the route, the trip will possibly cost around \$10,000 with air fare and other expenses. This is a large amount, but God is able to provide. Please pray with me that God will once more answer our request.

One of our favorite Christmas memories of Philadelphia is about little girl named Ebony who came to KFC. One Saturday around Christmas, Chuck Fordyce was taking a load of children home and he heard Ebony singing: “Silent night, hold me tight.” The rest of the children made fun of her due to the incorrect wording of the song but she kept singing even louder. I believe she had it right!

Carolyn and I have been in Florissant for seven years. It's hard to believe it has been that long, but we praise God for all that has been accomplished in that time. We came here after closing out in Philly with one location in Pamaidang, Thailand. Since then the ministry has branched to seven countries with around 50 locations worldwide. Like the former British Empire, the sun never sets on the ministry of KFCI. The possibility of starting in Queretaro, Mexico is very good for the first part of 2012. Leo Lavin will also start KFCI in Cumberland, MD on March 21, 2012. Please pray about these branches and praise God for all that He has done through this ministry. Chuck Fordyce had a vision to start this ministry as well as to expand it. We praise God that this has become a reality for the evangelizing of children.

Carolyn and I pray that each of you will have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year. May God bless you abundantly in your service for Him.

Chuck & Carolyn