



Christmas Connections

Christmas is the time of year we seem to want to re-connect with others.

We use gifts, Christmas cards and parties as the means of re-connecting with people we don't normally see.

That is so much like the first Christmas.

God used that very first Christmas to give us a gift (His Son) in order to re-connect with us. The relationship He wanted to re-establish was the one He lost with us in the Garden of Eden. A personal and intimate relationship.

He created us for joy. The joy we have when we connect with Him. The joy He gets from our connecting with Him. It is the connection we have with Him that builds lasting joy in the life of each of us.

Jesus built the bridge of connection we must use to have that relationship with God.

Even though God knew every detail about us He still chose to send His Son to die for our sins and make it possible for us to connect with Him.

So that first Gift was one that God chose. The Christmas card (the message we send to those who are far away) was the angels singing to the shepherds. The party was when everyone chose to gather around the manger and celebrated with God that Jesus was born!

As the Christmas season gets hectic, please remember that you are following the example of God as you write your cards, give your gifts and celebrate the season with friends.

Thank you for the notes you send us, the prayers you send up to God on our behalf and the financial gifts that make what we do with kids and families in Los Angeles and around the world possible.

In His grip,

John
For John and Sheryl Emra

Answered Prayer

We received an early surprise Christmas gift this year. A supporter has provided us with a newer pick-up than the one we had been using.

We picked it up in North Dakota on November 16th.

Next month we will include some pictures.

GOD IS GOOD!

Prayer Requests

*Maria, who we trained in the Foundational Principles of **Life Is Full Of Choices** and is now in China, started a Youth Program with 9 kids in October.*

She now reports 30 kids in attendance and parents who want to learn English



*Continue to pray for John and Sally Childress as they raise the support they need to take the truths of **Life Is full Of Choices** to Germany*