



Partner Newsletter

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FROM THE HEART

As the Christmas season closes, it brings to mind that the story we all know so well, was not meant as an isolated story in scripture, with just enough peasants and royalty, cute lambs and a baby, to make crafters and decorators happy.

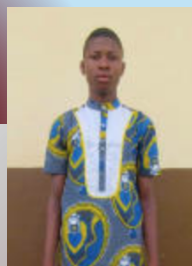
For centuries, the only way for people to stay in good graces with God was to "do" the requirements of the law, as best as they could. It was impossible to do perfectly, but if their efforts were acceptable, God would put off the punishment of their own sin, year by year. The process of trying to keep up with it all and "please" God was stressful. What if you forgot something? What if you didn't have a perfect, sacrificial lamb? The stress of trying to be good enough to be blessed, was the very reason Jesus came.

The Angels announced, "Peace on earth. Goodwill toward men!" It wasn't goodwill *among* men, but *toward* them. The coming of the perfect Lamb of God meant peace and goodwill from God toward us- no more stress of "doing" everything right. When you accept Jesus as Lord, you stand in righteousness. The baby became a sacrificial lamb that covers you! Glory to God in the Highest!

We have peace and God's good will!

MOVED WITH COMPASSION

This handsome young man's name is Noel Emmanuel, with a Christmas birthday!



Noel lives in Togo, where he helps his family in the kitchen by hauling firewood and cleaning. He is 16 years old and preparing to enter high school. Part of learning to be a responsible, Christian young man includes memorizing scripture that will help him grow spiritually.

Outside of school and church, he enjoys riding bicycles, music, and soccer with friends.

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child, talk to us or go to our website about sponsorship through Compassion, Int. Children are worth it!!

CALL & RESPONSE

Again and again, we experience God's goodness and provision. On Nov. 14, we had another chance to witness God's healing power.

Derrick, our baritone, was at work when a hydraulic press broke loose and fell across his fingers, causing immediate swelling. With a hand double its normal size, he went to the ER. They expected surgery, for lost digits and broken bones. But, God intervened, and not only were his fingers all intact, there were NO broken bones!

Jesus is our Savior, Provider, and Healer! What a wonderful Lord! Do you know Him?

A new year is like a blank book.
The pen is in your hands.
You can write a story of your own making,
or you can give it to God
to create a story of His making.

Happy New Year!



THE WORD IN SONG

Entering a new year brings excitement and anticipation for most. However, for those who are missing a loved one, because they have moved to heaven sometime in the previous year, a new year is a time of realizing life is going on without them. In some cases, January brings a sadness, because we just don't want time to go on.

In many songs, we sing about heaven: we're looking for a city, aware that this world is not my home, longing for Beulah land... yet when it comes to actually moving there, or for loved ones moving there, we baulk. What we must remember is that sadness for missing someone should not equate to massive grief for having "lost" them. If they knew Jesus, or had time to call out to Him, we know that they are with Him.

In fact, it is the sweet person of Jesus we actually long for- where He is, is our home- His presence is what we continually look for. The plethora of songs we sing about heaven is simply a collection of analogies for the ONE we adore! The glory of heaven is that the King of our heart is there. Our loved ones have only moved there before us. They are yet in our future!

Do you long for the presence of Jesus? Do you search for the kingdom of God, with anticipation? We are not longing to escape this world, but to see Jesus face to face! In His arms, we find fullness of joy- the same joy your loved one now possesses. He is life and the God of the living! He is able to keep that which you have committed unto Him.

Jesus is Lord of your past, present, and future!

This year...

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Vision



A FAITH PROJECT

It's been a while in the making, and an exercise in faith, but our new project is upon us. In fact, by the time you read this, it may well be in our possession. Would you like it in your possession? There are several ways: give us a call at 417-649-6776, visit our website at TheAscensionQT.com, buy it from the table when it arrives, or become a partner with our ministry and receive one, automatically. Our current partners have already received the new T-shirt, "Faith Steps Out of the Boat" (above), that matches the project of the same name... just one of the benefits of partnership!

If you're interested in partnership, contact us at a concert, or on our website (above). The benefits are mutual: you provide a pre-determined monthly offering and prayer cover, speaking God's word over us and those hearing the Word in song. Then, you receive everything we produce as it comes out, and according to Philippians 4:17, any ministry that happens through the Ascension Quartet is simultaneously laid up to your account. We also pray for your seed to bring a harvest far beyond what you can imagine.

Thank you for supporting us as we minister the Truth!