

## The Joys of Emmanuel

At this very special time of year everyone of us in the ministry of Ambassadors for Christ wants you to know how very grateful to God we are for you and your part in this ministry. Every life that has been touched or transformed, every soul that has been saved or sanctified, every relationship that has been restored or revitalized, every church that has been invigorated by God's Word has come because people like you have prayed and invested themselves in this work of faith. We thank you, in Jesus Name, and praise Him for friends who have enabled us to preach the Gospel and serve Him!

This season, as we celebrate the glorious incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are praying that you and your loved ones will joyously experience the presence and peace of the Lord in a heart-melting way. May "the joys of Emmanuel" fill each of our homes.

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As you know, Ambassadors for Christ International-USA, is committed to holding forth the Word of God in such a way as to be a catalyst in "Revival in the Church, and Evangelism through the Church." Last year our APCI men were privileged to preach Jesus in approximately 250 churches and more than 500 other speaking venues including: evangelism, revival, missions, training and conferences. Additionally, our men ministered in prisons, colleges, many kinds of retreats, ethnic communities and other meetings, including overseas ministry in many nations with extraordinary results. As the scripture says, it is our desire to "cease not to teach and preach Jesus Christ (Acts 5:42)." It is such a privilege to be part of a team of men and women who are truly committed to the preaching of God's Word and committed to allowing His Spirit to lead them in our ministry stewardship. We are seeing good fruit on every side that brings glory to His Name!

We live in a day when true Biblical preaching is being challenged on every side. The pressures, events, attitudes and distractions of this hour have brought us to the time when many "will not endure sound doctrine." Many desire spiritual input, but too often what they get is not "according to the scriptures" and not in harmony with "the Word of the Cross." It is time to "stir up the Gift of God" and to seek the Lord with all of our hearts. We need Heaven-sent revival in our nation and world! The anointed preaching of God's Word and prayer restored to it's rightful place is our only hope. We pledge to the Lord and you our commitment to this sacred trust. We covet your continuing partnership with us in this!

As we celebrate His first coming let us all breathlessly anticipate His second coming! What amazing days we live in...world events and fulfilled Bible prophecies continue to flash on every side like lightening bolts. We really need to "take heed to the signs of the times." Every sensitive heart can sense the urgency of the hour and the growing desperation of a world that has no hope apart from the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let us each "stir up the Gift of God" and humbly draw near to Him in fresh commitment to knowing and pleasing Him. Let us look higher, go lower, dwell deeper, and reach out farther.

Thank you for your faithful support of the AFCI men and their ministry of proclaiming Christ. Your undergirding prayer and financial gifts have enabled us to keep going (see Rom 10:14-15). As we come to the end of 2005 when many are considering "year-end giving" may I ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift to this ministry? There are pressing needs that we are facing, and we believe that God will meet those ongoing needs through his prayerful people. All of our men, and our office as well, depend entirely on the supply of God through giving saints.

Gifts may be designated for the ministry of one of our preachers, or it could be marked "for greatest ministry need." This would be a tremendous help and encouragement to us and also help to lift the pressures of growing ministry expenses. We need you! As Hudson Taylor said: "Trust God and tell His people." Amen. "Oh Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, Revive Thy Church with Life and Power, Oh Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us; and fit Thy Church to meet this hour."

That Babe born in the manger grew up to be the Lamb of God on the Cross, and today sits on the throne of God as King of all, and our Advocate in Heaven. May this Christmas exalt Him in our hearts and glorify His Name in all the Earth (Ps 57:5).