

# GIJAPA



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## Seasons Greetings

We send this special December issue of GIJAPA in lieu of a Christmas card to say thank you for your faithful gifts and prayers through out the year. Thank you for standing with us as we began our 52nd year of broadcasting November 18. Thank you also for the many boxes, car and truck loads of clothes and shoes you gave GIJAPA and special gifts designated for Bibles and shipping. Naomi, Eric and Melanie along with the trustees - Bob and Martha Feathers, Bob Stevens, Joe Rightmyer, and Tina Vail - wish each one of you as well as the Churches that support us so generously a wonderful Holiday Season - all because of Jesus.

## FOUR ARTICLES FROM THE ARCHIVES OF ED

### A TIN HORN CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season gives us pause as we reflect on Christmas's past. As a child my mother used to say the best Christmas we ever had was the year I got the electric train. I remember the electric train and I also remember that I was too young to understand how to work it. I recall that Dad was the one who played with it while I watched in wonder as it ran around the track.

I also remember another Christmas when we were not so prosperous. It was the Tin Horn Christmas. During the depths of the great depression, I was standing on the front porch and Dad came home and before going in the house

he handed me a tin horn. In fact he had three tin horns that cost ten cents a piece. One tin horn was for me, one for my sister, and one for my brother. Dad announced that times were hard and this was all he could afford and since I was the oldest I would understand. He was probably so depressed by his financial situation that he had not bothered to wrap them up and then again he more than likely could not afford wrapping paper.

In retrospect, I often think of this when we spend several hundred dollars on the grandchildren at Christmas time now. The thought that is in my mind is-would Amanda, Casey, and Emily understand if I told them the best

Christmas I ever had was the Christmas of 1930. Should they ask why; I would tell them-That is the year that I had received a very valuable Christmas gift-a little tin horn that cost ten cents. E.B.

### **FROM THE CRADLE TO THE CROSS**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem and crucified at Jerusalem. The distance between the two is only eight miles. Eight miles between the cradle and the cross. Eight miles between the first birth at Bethlehem in the manger, and the second birth from the tomb of Joseph. Some folk spell Christmas by dropping Christ and spelling it Xmas. Actually Xmas gives the spelling the sign of the cross. Xmas may be more appropriate than some think. You cannot think of Xmas at Bethlehem without thinking of the cross at Jerusalem.

The news anchor on the eleven o'clock news several years ago in Cincinnati told of a woman and her small daughter who were looking at the display of the shepherds in their visit to the manger in a department store window. The child asked her mother what it meant. The mother said, "It means Mary had a little baby." The child said, "I thought Mary had a little lamb." The child said more than the newsmen or the mother realized. Mary did have a little Lamb-it was the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Actually the similarity is quite obvious when you consider that it is only eight miles from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. Only eight miles from the cradle to the cross. E.B.

### **DO IT ALL FOR JESUS**

In Colossians 3:17 Paul tells us, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." This is a short rule that covers the whole spectrum of the Christian life. Try it on for size-of course, we were baptized for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ (by His authority). After this, everything else is to be done in His name also, and not only done in His name, but we are to give thanks to God and the Father by Him. Here are a few things we could mention. Perhaps you can add to the list:

- \* Miss the Lord's Supper some Lord's Day and when you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Tell a dirty joke to someone today and when you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Drink a few beers and when you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Smoke a cigar and when you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Stay home from Church all you able-bodied Christians and look at television and when you do, do it in the name of the Jesus.
- \* Go see a dirty movie and do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Read a Pornographic magazine and when you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Spread a few rumors in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* The next time you get upset with someone, tell them to go to hell in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- \* Stay away from the revival in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Miss prayer meeting in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Commit adultery in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- \* Play the horses in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Above are some things you can do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Now that I have stimulated your thinking, maybe you can add to the list. Remember that Paul tells us, "Whatsoever we do in word or deed, do in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God and The Father by Him." E.B.

### **UNDER THE TREE**

December the twenty-fifth is the day we set aside to celebrate the birthday of the Lord. It should not be necessary, but it needs to be pointed out that we don't know what day the Lord was born. He didn't tell us in His word, but He was born and it might as well have been December the twenty-fifth as any other day of the year. People usually get gifts on their birthday so we need to give the Lord a gift on His birthday. Then there is an additional element when we think of Christmas - there is the matter of the tree. If you are going to give a gift to the Lord on His birthday, put the present under the tree. Put it under the tree that Peter talked about in Acts the fifth chapter: "Whom also they slew hanging Him on a tree." Paul said in Galatians the third chapter in speaking of the crucifixion, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." You see, the real Tree is the CROSS. Personally I can think of no better way to celebrate the birthday of the Lord than by placing a generous gift at the foot of the cross. Sending that check to the GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY radio broadcast is one way to put your present under the tree, and know exactly where it's going, because you can listen every Sunday. E.B.

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

October 26, 2013, was the designated MAKE A DIFFERENCE day this year. This is a special day set aside throughout the nation to make a difference in someone's life. Just recently I received this note: "Dear Naomi, The Church decided to collect money for Bibles and/or shipping for MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY. This small congregation collected over \$700 for you to get some more Bibles for those seeking them! Thank you for your work in sharing the gospel! Marietta Church of Christ, Marietta, Ohio home of Bob Feathers, Evangelist, and wife Martha." Now this is what I call making a difference in someone's life, giving them a Bible! This will buy 70 large print Bibles for prisoners, (we have over 300 requests at this time). We have over 1,800 prisoners participating in our correspondence Bible Studies, and each one has received a large print Bible from GIJAPA. Each time you send in your special gifts to GIJAPA you too are making a difference in someone's life as we broadcast the gospel all around the world. Thanks for each one of you who truly have MADE A DIFFERENCE in a lot of people's lives in 2013, with your monthly gifts and many, many anonymous gifts of hundreds and hundreds of dollars!

# Letters

Dear Ministry,

I am writing to you from the Galveston County Jail in Galveston, TX. I would like very much to learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Could you please enroll me into your Bible Study program and send me one of your Bibles also? I'm grateful for the GIJAPA MINISTRY IN ALL THAT IT DOES IN TRYING TO BRING God's word and healing to those of us that are in desperate need for His word here in jail. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your ministry.

*Garf*

I got hold of one of Ed's books, New Testament Sermons Volume III. This book changed my life. I need to know what I must do to receive Volumes I or II? (All three of these books of Ed's are out of print.) Please I need these books! I am a growing Christian and I need the meat Ed brings. What an honor it must have been to hear him speak personally. He isn't afraid to tell the truth. I respect him immensely and really wish to read more of his books. Please help me. Mike from the Luther Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Navasota, TX. (We'll send Mike a Bible and the first five lessons of Studies in the Bible, and when he completes all 30 lessons he'll receive one of Ed's books - OT Sermons, Volume I.)

I'm Ermilo, a 32 year old male here at Larry Gist State Jail, father of five kids - three boys and two girls. Since my incarceration I've grown a lot being away from home has made me realize how precious life and family are. I would like to ask you for a Bible and also some Bible Studies to do while I'm here. Something to take back out with me and keep to show other people the new me. I'm attending a drug and alcohol program right now. Would you please pray for Rose Marie, Cedric, Jerry, Rudy, Namie, and Mercedes?

*Beaumont, TX*

Dear Naomi,

I see that your ministry has set Galveston County Jail on fire with your Bibles and Bible Study courses. Through your Bibles, courses and efforts the fellowship is very strong here. We want to be part of it. Can you please send us a Bible and the first five lessons of your Bible course. Thanks to y'all and God bless you and your ministry.

*Eric and Justin, Galveston, TX*

I got the Bible you sent me, thank you very much. I'm sorry I gave the Bible you sent me to another inmate who had just come in the same day. The Tank boss asked if I would talk with him, he was a very young boy about 20 years old. He just had a wreck and killed his best friend coming home from a party and hit a pole. He was trying to get started in the Bible. He's going to be leaving here soon going to T.D.C. I've been trying to help him as much as I can, pray for him, his name is Wiggins. Can you please send me another Bible?

*Ricky K., Conroe, TX*

Dear Naomi,

I received lessons 6-15 - Studies in the Bible to have them not allowed as I was transferred. I am now at a permanent locale and would ask if you'd send these lessons again. I really enjoy the studies. They help me to focus on things I would otherwise miss. Also I would like a Bible Dictionary if one is available?

*William B. Del Valle, TX*

GIJAPA, Ed Bousman Ministry, Hi, may your ministry prosper. You guys have been a blessing to me. I read the Bible you sent me almost two years ago every day. I read a section of Proverbs one for each day of the month, there's usually 31 days, it's definitely words to live by. I look forward to the GIJAPA newsletter you send me every month. I love Ed's sermons and articles. From what I can tell from his words, he really had the fire/spirit. That's rare these days. My condolences for his passing may God reunite you one day. I'm still in prison and am trying to start focusing on learning good stuff instead of all the bad in this place. I never did start your Bible Study, but would like to start it now; I'm ready to learn. Could you please send me the first five lessons of your first 30 lesson course again? I'd appreciate it greatly and thanks again for all you all do. You are an inspiration to us that are young in Christ. God bless.

*Michael G. from Westville Corrections Facility; Westville, IN*

Dear Mrs. Bousman,

Greetings to you. I am writing you this day because I am interested in taking the first five lessons of the Bible Study that you provide as well as a Bible that I may call my own, for they do not allow us here in prison to keep the Bibles that they provide for us to use. It is a blessing that you provide these lessons for those that want to be saved and have the gift of God, eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. So may God bless you for your ministries not only where you reside, but spread out all over for all to see and witness the power of God. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, for at most times, I'm sure you are very busy. God bless you.

*Sincerely Shawn, McPherson's Unit - AR Women's Department of Correction, Newport, AR*

Hello Madame! We are alive and kicking. Typhoons rains continue to give us some burden. But we understand this season is really the lean months of the year, and so we have to survive whatever livelihood our hands could find to do. We are so far with the earthquake, and our hearts go to those who are affected with lost of lives. We have experienced ones with greater magnitude when I was 19 and I understand the horrible fear especially those who are in the buildings or in some sort of cemented structures. We really have to recover for the past days we have no assistance and we have to do some schedules we did not make. So far we are having our barangay or village election in our country today, and pray things go well safe and smooth. We are making some arrangement again for the resumption of those preaching schedules being hindered because of the rains. I will update you soon. Pray you are well with your health now. We are praying for you often even when we

pray with our simple food!

*Ed Domingo, Sunset Beach Church of Christ,  
Philippines*

My Dear Sister Naomi,

Thank you very much for sending good clothes and shoes, for the children and one box of Bibles. We have received these good clothes. My wife and all our children says thank you. Today we have received another box of clothes, very good shirts. Thank you very much. We are all fine and the Church is well and continue to grow. Greet all GIJAPA team. God bless you all.

*John Maseka, Evangelist, Messenger Church of Christ, Zambia, Central Africa*

Dear Sister Naomi,

We are praying for you, sister. Sickness is never good. Thanks for always thinking of me, my family and the Lord's work here. I am concentrating much on the work at Guinea Bissau now. I keep going there teaching people. This is a country where there has never been a single congregation of The Lord's Church ever since our Savior ascended into Heaven. The two Pentecostal preachers that I converted here both come from that country and I wish we get financial help to place at least one of them there in a new Church of Christ assembly. This is all that I want. When they converted to the truth the American Pentecostal Church that was sponsoring them in The Gambia here stopped. Please pray for us, for I am trying all that I can to make sure the Church stays in Bissau. This is very important for the work in this sub region. Our God is great. God is with you.

*Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God,  
London Corner Church of Christ, The Gambia, W. Africa*

I'm Tracy an inmate at the Conroe, TX County Jail. I've been here six months and it looks like I'm facing a bit of time. I would like to request a Bible sent to me and please pray for my family.

Ed Bousman Ministry,

Three months ago I was sentenced to 60 years at T.D.C. I have been sharing and encouraging brothers and sisters in God's word daily. I'm writing your ministry to ask you to send me a Bible and Bible Studies for it is my desire to continue to build my personal relationship with Jesus. One day I am going to be one of His ministers. God bless you and your ministry for all you do for the inmates here.

*Lawrence from Bill Clements Unit in Amarillo, TX*

Hello, my name is Matthew and I am incarcerated in Montgomery County Jail. I have recently signed for time in the Texas Department of Corrections and one of the only things I can take with me is a Bible. I have never been to prison before and even though I have given it to God, at 32 years old I am still a bit nervous! Let's face it! I am scared to death. Please help me. I am familiar with the Word and also like to think I have helped lead at least one or two people to Him. Who knows, maybe it will turn out, that is the reason I am here - providential? Anyway, thanks and may God bless you for all you do for all of us inmates.

*Conroe, TX*

Dear Naomi,

I'm writing to let you know how much I appreciate the Bible and the Bible Studies you've sent me. I'm now studying Acts. I'm blessed in so many way even here in prison. I'm blessed for I have two fixer upper radios, two hand me down watches, coffee to drink everything I need. But #1 thing that I'm blessed for is my Bible and God's word in my daily life. I thank God for Ed Bousman and family plus the GIJAPA radio broadcast heard every Sunday 9:30 pm KAAY, Little Rock, AR. Thank you all very much for everything you all do for me and others in prisons around the world. This year will make eight years of the 25 year sentence. God bless you all.

Carl from Brickeys, AR



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