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Seasons Greetings

THANK YOU for your faithful gifts and prayers through out this past year. THANK YOU for standing with us as we began our 48th year of broadcasting November 18th and my 67 years in the ministry. It's been a difficult year for GIJAPA with the passing of Naomi's sister, Roberta, a part-time employee and my illness the past three months. PTL I am doing great! Thanks for your prayers, emails, cards and calls in helping us bear these burdens. THANK YOU we made it through the year without having to drop another broadcast, because of your faithful and generous gifts. THANK YOU for the used clothing and shoes you brought for our Churches through out the world. We can't carry on this monumental work with a budget of over half million dollars WITHOUT YOUR HELP! Have a happy holiday and remember that it's Jesus' birthday we're celebrating and that's the reason GIJAPA broadcast not only the birth of Jesus but His death, burial and resurrection every Lord's Day.

UNDER THE TREE HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

December the twenty-fifth is 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 could have been any winter day. 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. Peter said 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 check 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 and 24/7 on the internet www.gijapa.org



In Matthew chapter two we find the story of the star. The star is mentioned four times in the chapter. The first time is in the second verse. Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. The second time is in the seventh verse. Then Herod, when he had privily called the Wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. The third time is in the ninth verse. When they had heard the King, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. The fourth time is in the tenth verse, which reads, "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

WE SAW HIS STAR IN THE EAST

The Wise men saw the star while they were in the east. The gospel song says it for us: *Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

The Wise men came to Jerusalem looking for the newborn King. It is to be remembered that the first question that God asked of the first Adam in the Old Testament in the Garden of Eden was, "Adam where art thou?" The first question that is asked of the second Adam in the New Testament was by the Wise men and they said, "Where is He? Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have come to worship Him." They called Jesus the King. He was the King. For one thing He was born a King. He is called the King while He was in the cradle. Not only was He recognized as the King in the Cradle, He was also called the King on the cross. Pilate put up a sign on the cross that proclaimed Him, "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS." The King in the Cradle and The King on the Cross. But His Kingship reached out to another dimension; He is King of the Church. Upon this rock I will build My church, I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom. My kingdom is not of this world. King in the Cradle, King on the Cross, King of the Church, and also King at His coming again. In the imagery of Revelation He is seen at His return on a white horse and on His thigh was written King of kings and Lord of lords.

WHAT TIME THE STAR APPEARED

The second mention of the Star, Herod called unto him the Wise men privately. Herod asked the Wise men what time the star appeared. Herod obviously believed the scripture. He believed that the Christ had come. Believing it, he had no intention of accepting the truth, and applying it to his life. What the Lord wanted did not fit his life style. There is many a Herod in this audience today. People who believe the gospel truth, but no affirmative decision will be made. So he inquired what time the star appeared. He sent them to find out exactly concerning the young Child. Neither Herod nor the scribes went with the wise men. They knew and believed the scripture, but there was a gap between their knowledge and their performance. The prophecy said that the newborn King would be a governor of His people. Herod did not want a governor over him. It is the same problem now. In the first gospel sermon on the Day of Pentecost, Peter laid it on the line when he said in the thirty-sixth verse of the second chapter of Acts. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." People today want a Savior, they want a Messiah, but they don't want a Lord. Jesus not only wants to be your Savior, He wants to be your Lord as well. He wants to be able to tell you what to do, what to say, how to live. He wants to give thrust to your life.

THE STAR WENT BEFORE THEM

And they having heard the King went their way and lo the star, which they saw in the east, went before them and came and stood over the place where the young child was. Many explanations have been given regarding the star. One of the most popular is that there was a conjunction of plan-

ets about that time of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Venus.

They supposedly were lined up in such a way as to look like one gigantic star. This explanation just won't work. Suppose that all the planets in our solar system were lined up in such a way as to form one gigantic super star. Think of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, so arranged in the heavens that they looked like one glorious celestial light. There would be one glaring reason why even such a sight, as this could not have guided the Wise men. Even such a star would not stand over any particular house. It would stand over every house in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and over every house in all the area. There is no way that such a heavenly sight could fit the scriptural account, the star that they had seen in the east that went before them, and stood over the place where the young child was. There is no way that astronomers today can find the Star that guided the Wise men. It was a special star used of God for the great event of the birth of Jesus. Now at this point the Wise men had a problem. Some great mystery they could not understand. It must have baffled them no end. I refer to the statement that, the star stood over the place where the young child was. Think of their amazement as they knocked on the door. Joseph opens, and welcomes them. The Wise men say, "Is this it? Is this the place?" Joseph says, "You have come to the right place." One of the Wise men, I have forgotten which one said, "This doesn't look like the right place. On all the Christmas cards I have received there should be a manger and some cattle, and some shepherds. If this is the right place, please explain, where the shepherds are, and there also ought to be some angels flying overhead and we don't see anyone. Why isn't the choir singing, Silent Night Holy Night?"

It was at this point, that Joseph told them, "If you gentlemen want to get your spiritual guidance from Christmas cards, no wonder you had a hard time finding us. The shepherds have been here and are long gone, maybe a couple of years ago. We moved out of the stable, and have been at this house for some time now."

The star went before them and stood over the place where the young child was. The star did not go past Bethlehem, nor did it fall short of Bethlehem, nor did it go the right of, or the left of Bethlehem. It came to the place, smack dab on the spot over the house where the young child was. And that brings us to the fourth mention of the star.

WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR THEY REJOICED

The fourth mention of the star was when they saw it with exceeding great joy. And they came into the house, and saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. It says they worshiped Him. It does not say they worshiped her. They worshiped Him. And they offered unto Him gifts: a rattle, a pacifier and a teddy bear. Who in their right mind would give any child gold, and frankincense, and myrrh? What could a young child, as Jesus is called here, do with gifts like that? Do you really believe they gave Him stuff like that? Perhaps as we read what they really gave, we ought to revamp our giving ideas. The reason they gave what they gave was because they were Wise men and not dumb men. How about giving

young people a good example? One high school student who came to school drunk, when asked how she got booze to get drunk at seven o'clock in the morning said, she got it out of the refrigerator at home. That may be the best gift some of you could give to your kids, pour your booze down the drain. How about giving yourself something as a stocking stuffer, some self respect? The greatest gift of all is the gift of yourself. An example, of the kind of giving that counts, is found in Second Corinthians chapter eight, "And this they did, regarding the poor Churches of Macedonia, who gave beyond their means." Some today live beyond their means, but these gave beyond their means. The secret of their generosity was they first gave their own selves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God. The greatest gift you can give is to give of yourself.

CONCLUSION

These are the four times the star is mentioned in Matthew chapter two: We saw His star in the east, what time the star appeared, the star went before them and stood over the place, and when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great Joy. The Star road is the fairest road that ever you will follow - It winds as sweetly as a song through desert and through hollow - It leads us up high mountain peaks, and into promised lands - And at the end a baby waits with tiny out flung hands - The Star road is the straightest road, although it climbs and dips - But always there's a garden spot, a spring for parching lips - There always is a bit of shade when midday gilds the skies - And at the end a mother waits with wonder in her eyes; O you who travel on that road the starlight has made bright - Need never fear the crash of storms the tumult of the night - For through the crowding centuries the angel voices call - And at the end the Savior waits with a haven for us all. *Author unknown*

LETTERS

Dear Ed Bousman and the whole organization,

Peace and Love may be unto you from the almighty God. I am Afewerki E., who was your student. I am grateful to your teachings and the tracks I was receiving which I was been inspired by them while I was in Asmara, Eritrea. Now I am in Sudan living been as a refugee. Sudan is Islamic country, but praise the Lord Jesus I am living with the grace God. Now I am being worshiping the Lord in the church named "EXODUS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH" here in Khartoum the capital of Sudan. The church pastor is ordering me to Baptize. There is a scripture "One Lord One Faith One Baptism" in the Epistle to the Ephesians. I am baptized in the Orthodox Church in my childhood. What I have to do? I need your advice! And even though I had received a Bible while in Eritrea from you, I came to Sudan without it because the way I traveled is so dangerous for life to the Christians mainly holding the Holy Bible. I would like you to send me the holy Bible to address below:

Thanking you Afewerki E. Khartoum Sudan (Another Bible and lessons have been sent to Afewerki, and we responded to his above email with the plan of salvation and scriptures letting him know that he needs to be immersed and why.)

Dear Sis. Naomi,

Thank you for informing me about our Brother Ed's ill health. We praise the Lord for his improved health condition as he is able to continue church services again. We are praying for him and his ministry. Thank you also for the many boxes of used clothing plus the Bibles that GIJAPA had blessed my ministry with over the years. These things have helped many lost souls in my country to accept our Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and personal Saviour. Nearly one half of the 43 congregations of Churches of Christ (INSTRUMENTAL) in Liberia are direct beneficiaries of your Bibles and used clothing program. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your Ministry and everyone who donates to GIJAPA for this worthy cause.

In Christ, Evangelist Mike Foday Liberia

Dear Naomi,

Greetings in Jesus' Name and am happy for your communication. Sorry that I have not been communicating for long and also sorry for Ed having been ill but am happy that the Lord has seen him through. We are doing well here, Juliet my wife and the children are doing well and the church is also doing well and we are currently witnessing souls coming to Christ, God is so good and we continue to praise his Name. Maybe I don't really remember wither me have ever sent you a photo for myself and my wife-see one attached. Otherwise Love you all, God Bless You All,

Raymond Galiwango from Uganda, E. Africa (Pictures in next month)

Dear Friends,

I am a refugee in Australia from West Africa. I came across your website by chance. I am interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. I need your help. Hope hearing from you.

Thanks, John M.

We at THE TRUTH and the entire Pertey family shout Hallelujah for the lives of Ed and Naomi Bousman. We thank Him for answering our prayers for them and we also thank every individual and groups of persons who also prayed for Ed during his tough times with illness. May God bless you all! We would also like to say thank you to everybody who prayed for us during Lee's health condition to make her live again. We say God bless you all!

God has truly blessed this collaboration of THE TRUTH/GIJAPA to the extent we have never seen before. At least we can say with confidence that this quest of ours has been achieved though we have not yet planted 10 Churches of Christ, we have been able to plant 4 (apart from Park Side Church of Christ, where we worship, also started by us), which I think is a plus to us. As we say, my asking for the clothing for first the kids in our church and

later for the elderly and now had spread to many other areas in Gambia, Liberia, England, and other countries have been a great blessing to the work we are doing. Today, we see many people going to church in used and new clothing donated by you and mailed to them through us by GIJAPA. Many are attending church because they now have clothing to wear to church. We thank you all who donated those clothing, 'Together we are winning souls.' God bless you all.

We receive letters and phone calls from people thanking us for Bibles mailed to them or their children; thank you for providing those Bibles. One parent told us their daughter now seriously attends church service with them after completing the Studies in the Bible course and getting a copy of Bible from us. We still need Bibles more than ever. As you are going to read below about Baptisms, the number of requests for Bibles in English has soared to 903 and 623 for Bibles in our local languages. You can see that as of October we had baptized 91 souls. This number is great but Lee told me that I must go make it 100 by December 2009 or I should see it as a no job done! I understood her that she was encouraging me to do more though she knows that it isn't that easy. Beloved, I would like to say that God has blessed us with 95 baptisms as of this time. We are still receiving lessons for grading and are still mailing lessons to students. We also go round picking the lessons from villages and towns and the results are amazing! Keep praying as the economy is not so favorable for many now to even listen to the word of God let alone study it on their own through lessons. The ED'S SERMON TRANSLATION PROGRAM too is on going has helped in the numerous souls won. We are now using the Newsletters and at time the Audio CDs and they are working well. God bless you all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Ike & Lee Pertey

Dear Brother Ed & Sister Naomi,

It is a pleasure to hear from you and belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY! First let me introduce myself my name is John and I'm at E.A.R.U. maximum security prison here in

Brickey, Arkansas. I'm doing 15 years and I'm 32 years old and have been locked up since I was 22, and my brother Donald is at Calico Rock, Arkansas prison. I have 4 years, 2 months and 12 days till I go flat off this sentence. I had received your Bible in 2007 or 2008 sometime and had been reading it some. Many times going astray and quit reading it. But by the grace of God I have started back reading and doing the lessons. "God Is Just a Prayer Away" He is and more! I pray for those in Africa all the time, and I pray for all the soldiers serving the US.

In Jesus' name, John

Dear Ed Bousman,

I have enjoyed your radio ministry and the "Repent & Be baptized" and "Pass the ammunition" for 38-1/2 years. Since I moved to the Cincinnati, Ohio area from the Minneapolis, MN area. When I wake up on Sunday I look forward to your voice preaching the word of the Lord. My intentions have always been to "Pass the Ammunition" to Lynchburg, Ohio, so here it is. The Lord blessed me with a little extra cash this month. Ed, may you be on the radio for another 20-30 years and I hope you have an understudy to continue preaching the gospel to the multitudes. Thank you again for all the Sunday mornings that I have enjoyed listening to and my children (who are catholic) would listen, I would wake them up and I would sing along with you. I have a deep voice like you and can baritone it also.

Thank you Larry from Hamilton, OH

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Please find enclosed a donation (\$500) to GIJAPA. Thank you for your dedication to God and to spreading His word. I was privileged to attend one of your sermons in Mechanicsville, VA a few years ago. You and a friend of mine who listens to your broadcasts have inspired me to read the entire Bible from beginning to end (I started Deuteronomy last night). When I have finished, I know that my next step is to read it again. And when I have finished the second time, I will continue to study the Bible so that I may learn to live my life for God.



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