

CHRISTMAS JOY

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2022 Year End Letter

Imagine that there was an evil person who hated Christmas. He hated to hear the carols; he hated the message of Christmas, so he set out to destroy Christmas. Sound far out? Actually, it is not far from reality. Christmas is being stolen right from under our noses. Already people are getting so busy that they will be robbed of the joy, peace, and contentment of the wonderful message of Christmas.

I want this Christmas to be the best ever for you. I do not want your Christmas to be stolen or hijacked. Especially for Christians, Christmas is a time for joy and celebration. The Christmas message is the greatest message ever heard. The message of Christmas is that God loves us more than we could possibly dream of or hope for. The Creator of the universe has had mercy on us. He has sent His Son to this earth to save us from our sins. Now we are not doomed to live with the consequences of our nature or our sin. Jesus has come and now He offers you a full and abundant life. The Bible teaches, "In His presence, there is a fulness of joy, and at His right hand there are pleasures forever more."

How can you experience joy this Christmas? Let me suggest four sources of joy:

1. Good Biblical theology, especially focusing on the doctrine of justification by faith.
2. Living in the presence of the Sovereign God of Scripture, who loves you and never leaves you.
3. Finding your identity in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ who was born, lived, died, and resurrected for you.
4. Discovering God's purpose for your life and investing your energy, talent, and resources in Christ's Kingdom.

George Bernard Shaw once said, "This is the true joy of life: being used to a mighty purpose, instead of being a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. Life is no brief candle. It is a splendid torch which I hold for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

Years ago, I chose as the motto for Trinity Center for World Mission, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." That is what we continue to do. In 2022, God enabled us to dedicate a complete campus in Uganda, train hundreds of pastors and leaders, purchase land for a seminary in Tanzania, and purchase a high school in Rwanda which is being renovated to be a seminary.

As 2023 approaches, we do not count on our own strength. We look in faith to the future with joy. In the coming year, we have great goals:

1. Train more than 600 Christian leaders and pastors at seven locations in East and Central Africa.
2. Plant two new churches and strengthen existing churches.
3. Renovate our TBI campus in Rwanda.
4. Begin the development of our TBI campus in Tanzania.
5. Complete the necessary requirements to offer a bachelor's degree in Theology and Missions in Uganda.

To meet these objectives, we have set a goal of raising \$415,000 before the close of this year. This is our Victory Fund that will allow us to finish 2022 strong and have a jump start for 2023.

To accomplish this, we need sacrificial, joyful givers. Will you join our team and help us be victorious in this campaign by giving a generous end-of-the-year gift? Will you join our team to help us plant seminaries to train pastors to plant churches to make disciples who share with others of the joy we have in Christmas, in Christ?

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Bringing Good News of Great Joy to all the people,



Pete Anderson
Vice President, TCWM

Victory Fund Update

In September, we shared our 2022 year end strategic objectives for Africa and launched our strategy to meet those goals with of our staff, board members, and top donors. Then we officially announced this strategy with the rest of our TCWM family and supporters in October.

Since the initial launch in September, we have received a total of \$168,013.65 donations and commitments to advance the Kingdom work in Africa! That is 40.49% of our \$415K goal. We praise the Lord for His provision in this so far, and we continue to pray trusting that He will continue to provide and lead us in Kingdom victory.

