



OUR "JOURNEY"

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Christmas is (by definition - Collins English Dictionary) the annual **commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ** observed as a day (December 25) of secular celebration when gifts and greetings are exchanged.

Many people from various cultures have adopted this day as a fun day to celebrate (what ?) and exchange gifts. We, as Christians, should stop and ponder about what gift God gave us that day. How and what will you be celebrating this year ?

"GIVING" IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT !



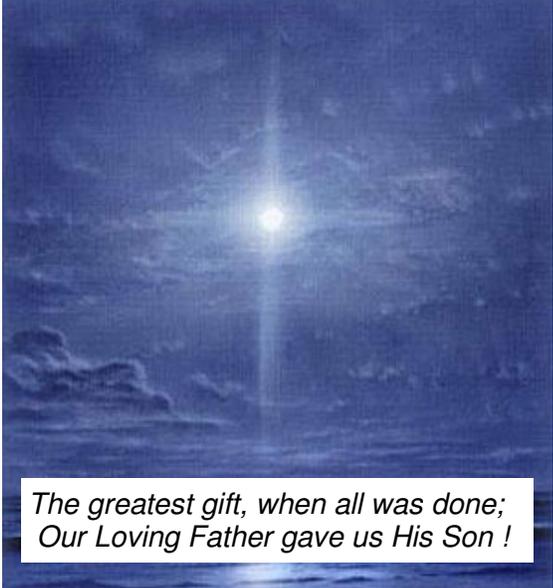
SHOE BOX PROGRAM **Operation Christmas Child** (A Project of Samaritan's Purse)

An empty shoe box is good for little except recycling, but when that shoe box is filled with toys and other small gifts, it becomes a treasure chest that can bring Christmas joy and the love of God to a needy child. Each year, since its beginning in 1993, Operation Christmas Child delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes around the world to boys and girls who are suffering because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness, or neglect. The children who receive the boxes also learn about God's greatest gift to us, His Son, Jesus Christ.

This year, Bridge to Faith is participating in this program by donating two boxes - one for a boy and one for a girl. Talena Farrell was in charge of this program and she reported that the following items were put in the shoe boxes:

Girl's box - colouring book, note paper, change purse, pencils, pens, crayons, hard candy, deck of cards, stickers, jump rope, ball, fun pad, and a tiny teddy bear.

Boy's box - same as the girl's box except the jump rope was exchanged for a paddle ball game.



*The greatest gift, when all was done;
Our Loving Father gave us His Son !*

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**” (Luke 2:8-14) KJV

**Hallelujah and Hosanna too -
My sweet Jesus, how I love you !**
