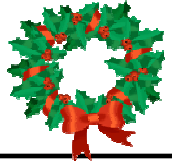


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SHORT STORY

The True Meaning of Christmas

Just a week before Christmas I had a visitor. This is how it happened. I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out next to the fireplace. "What are you doing?" I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat and I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement . . . "TEACH THE CHILDREN!" I was puzzled. What did he mean? He anticipated my question and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten. "Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle. "Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven." He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "Teach the children that the

star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise." He then reached into his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness." Once again he reached into his bag and removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection." He then pulled from his bag an ORNAMENT of himself. "Teach the children that I, Santa Claus, symbolize the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December." He then brought out a HOLLY LEAF. "Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent the blood shed by Him. Next he pulled from his bag a GIFT and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that he gave his begotten son." Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. "Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherds' crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper." He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men." Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell,

it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return. Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship him, our LORD, our GOD."

Land Drive Phase II 2009



The mission is not over, we have more land to claim.
Land Drive Phase II continues 2009

PUBLICATION MINISTRY Bible scrambler

View the verse below. Find the book, chapter and verse. Enter your answer online at rhmonline.org. Your answer must be submitted before 12N on Monday, December 15th to receive the prize pot money and ribbon only if you're smart enough. Prize pot stands at \$15.00. Good Luck!

THIS MONTHS SCRAMBLER

Het yees eht orLd nrus dna ugrtttoh orf

Remember the verse is not in order!

HINT: Old Testament, New Song



PM Fall Story 08 Contest Winner

The PM's Fall Story Contest didn't kick off like we would have liked it too, but that won't stop us from bringing it back next year. With a Grand Prize of \$50, 2nd place of \$15 and 3rd place of \$5, we'd hope to get a lot of entries, that didn't happen. But we did get an entry from one of our youth and even though his entry did not garner him the Grand Prize, it did allow us to give him the 2nd place prize, certificate and ribbon. Also, since his was the only entry received, we upped the prize from \$15 to \$25. So on behalf Pastor, the First Lady and the Publication Ministry, we congratulate **David Wells Jr.**, winner of the PM's 08 Fall Story Contest. Story will be published in the next issue. Be on the look out for the PM's Poetry Night Contest coming March 2009. Visit us online to learn more. Happy Holidays from the PM.

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David Wells Jr.

PUBLICATION MINISTRY Note from the editor

Hey I know many of you are wondering, man how many times are they gonna change this newsletter? Well, answer is, as many times as it takes to get it right. The PM is constantly looking for ways to improve on the services and products we offer, so remember, just because it looks a certain way one day, doesn't mean it'll look the same the next, you can count on that.

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**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
DECEMBER 2008**



*Happy birthday to ya,
happy birthday to ya,
happy birthday.....*

Bro. Joseph Allen	12/27
Tyreshia Campbell	12/01
Bro. Douglas Cash	12/31
Sis. Tonya Murray	12/21
Alandria Swann	12/28
James Tompkins	12/21
Leonna Wells	12/31



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SPEAKOUT - Looking Ahead To A New Year

Another year is coming to a close for the Renewed Hope family. 2008 has proven to be a difficult year not only for the country we live in, but also for our ministry family. We've witness many different transformation this year, suffered some loses and endured some pains. But it wouldn't be right if we didn't have some trails to go through. The bright side is that we still serve the same God whose the same today, yesterday and forever. As we bring to close 2008 with our annual New Year's celebration, let's add some additional goals to the New Year's resolution that you know you're going to make. 1. Let's strive to develop a closer relationship with God. 2. Let's work on consistency in our tithes as well as in attendance and the goals we set. 3. Let's spend a little more time together as a church family. 4. Let's develop a more active prayer life. 5. Let's participate more in the activities we have in our church. 6. Let's think more about others and lend a helping hand in our community. 7. Let's take a better care of God's house and the land he has provided for us. 8. Let our Hearts and minds come together as one so that we can grow collectively as one body in Christ and last but not least, 9. Let's be a blessing and win more souls for the glory of God. For 2009, let all the pain and failures of 2008 go and focus on the accomplishments and successes you've achieved. Strive to get a better grip in 2009 on your family, finances, careers, goals, endeavors, relationships and commitments. As we grow together as one, you'll be amazed at the blessings seen and unseen, that we will cash in on in 2009. Let's stay focused, encouraged and prayed up. Happy New Year.



THE INSIDER with Tasha

SPOTLIGHTS: Min. Monyua Harris

Q: How long have you been a member of RHM?

A: Will be almost 5 years.

Q: What made you join this ministry?

A: The word that goes forth and the anointing that's there.

Q: What do you do for a living?

A: Healthcare field (Nursing).

Q: What does your job consist of?

A: A lot of patience and understanding.

Q: Where do you see your future role here at RHM?

A: I see my role as being a positive role model and a true woman of God for the next generation

Q: Where do you see RHM in 3 years?

A: EXPANSION - GROWTH - ABUNDANTLY.

Q: What is one piece of advice you can give to inspire someone?

A: Keep God first in all that you do and let him lead and guide you on your journey, because without him we are nothing, but with him all things a possible. Just trust in him with all thine heart.

Q: In closing, tell us something most people don't know about you?

A: I'm trustworthy and down to earth. I love people especially children.



Min. Monyua Harris

If you would like to submit someone to be spotlighted, contact Tasha or email pm@rhmonline.org

DRAMA MINISTRY

Madears Christmas Presentation

Sis. Kelly and her cast of talented actors will do it again for the family of Renewed Hope Ministries and their friends. Just as the 2006 presentation, the 2008 version of Madears Christmas promises to be as

exciting and hilarious as the original, while still keeping in with the true meaning of Christmas; the celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ birth. All your favorites from the 2006 season returns and has been included. So invite your family such as: Helen, Mr. Brown, and Monica, not to mention some new additions to the family: Fred, Bul-letHead and Sister Know It All. Kelly promises to give you all the laughs you need in this years presentation & also encourage you to think about the story line, testimonies and thankfulness which have been included. So invite your family and friends to join us for a wonderful presentation of Madears Christmas, Sunday, December 21st. Visit us online for more info.



Alyssa Mykiah Perry aka (AMP)

FYI A New Addition Joins Our First Family

A new addition joined the first family foe on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Alyssa Mykiah Perry was born at 11:46am at St. Vincents, weighing in at 7pds, 1oz and 20ins. Congratulations to the first family.

