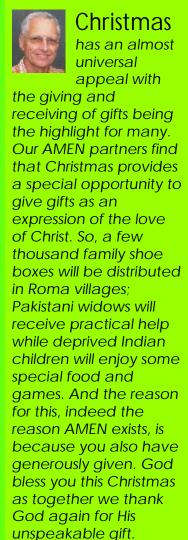


# Christmas N ews



### Founder's Column





Gareth

Asher, Anya, Ariel, Jannette and Winston



CHRISTMAS is a special day for us as a family. It has been our custom to prepare lots of food as part of Christmas celebration. We all gather around the table dressed up for the occasion. We start with lighting a candle and reading the Christmas story from the Bible. Then we sing, pray and thank the Lord for the food. During the meal, each one shares what he or she is thankful to God for in the past year. I offer a prayer of thanksgiving, remembering times when the Lord showed his grace, love

and goodness. After the meal, we give and receive gifts. Anya gets the gifts she prepared and gives each one, followed by Ariel then by Asher. After Jannette has given her gifts, it's my turn. Then we watch a movie, or, go out to see the fireworks in the city. This is an exciting time. Christmas is a time for us to bond as a family. All the heartaches are gone. Everyone is contented and happy. We greet each other with "Maligayang Pasko" (Merry Christmas). Winston Pinzon





Pilu and Hadasa Church planting and leadership **ROMANIA** 



David (and Rodica) Minister to the poor **ROMANIA** 

This is the time when people go door to door carol singing. In each house, people eat the traditional sponge cake with nuts, cakes, and "pork alms" (fried sausages and pork meat) with polenta and pickles. Delicious sarmale (force-meat rolls in cabbage leaves), is always present on every table in Romania.

"...You shall call him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins". Matt. 1:21



sakaram krismas!

Roy and Ponna lead a local church and training centre. INDIA



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We invite to church the locals and the international community to celebrate with us with scripture readings, carols, children's nativity play and fellowship over food.



Sasko and Ira produce evangelistic films for the Balkans. **SERBIA** 

#### Barka dà Kirsìmatì!



Napthali (and Gladys)

are engaged in evangelism and missionary training NIGERIA





Santosh, David and Anand engage in village evangelism through children's ministry. **INDIA** 



groups lack enough followers of Christ and resources to evangelize their own PRAY people". Joshua project

"Unreached

Maligayang Pasko



Winston (and Jannette) plants churches among the urban poor in Manila. **PHILIPPINES** 

#### Reggie and Caroline

write, produce and broadcast gospel films & documentaries. INDIA



"And this gospel of the kingdom will be



### **Francis** and Alison minister to the outcasts of society. **INDIA**



The Christmas programme is an opportunity to share the Gospel to the parents of all the preschool children. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will open their eyes.



Craciun Ferecit!

### Naya Saal Mubarak Ho!

**Edwin** (and Surreya) reach out to the needy of the local

community.

**PAKISTAN** 

Christmas

in Pakistan

as widows

JOy at



groups in the world of which 1/3 is still waiting to hear and respond to the gospel. To reach some, you need to cross the ocean; to reach others, you may only need to cross the road.

There are about 10,000 people



Mia Mihai ROMANIA

manages "House of Life", a pro-life ministry to women

### Barka dà Kirsìmatì!

Tassie (and Nehemiah) manages a major church based HIV/AIDS ministry and social righteousness

project. **NIGERIA** 

Good

"Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out more labourers into his harvest" Matthew 9:38

**PRAY** 



Maligayang Pasko!



### Sladjan and Jaroslava

manage a Bible college and reach out to the community. **SERBIA** 



### Joe and Beth minister in High Schools and primary Schools. PHILIPPINES.





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Liviu and Elena and their three children, Claudia, Thomas, and Matthias

We welcome Liviu and Elena and their charity "Perspective" to the family of AMEN partners. God has given them a heart for the youth in and around Danes in Transylvania, Romania. Liviu has been investing in the youth generation for over 14 years. "Perspective" combines his experience and skills as a youth pastor for Manna Church which he acquired with his abilities as a social worker. With the support of his wife, Elena, and her 15 years experience as a teacher, Liviu wants to help the young people find a purpose in life. Many see little hope of permanent jobs. They usually leave school very early and are then tempted to get involved in criminal activities. Liviu believes that this generation is "not only the future of our society but also the present".

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You may like to give a friend a gift from the AMEN Gift Catalogue. It is something you buy for your friend at Christmas which will benefit someone else, like food parcels for widows, Bible study booklets etc.

and "What does it taste like? In the AMEN Cookbook, "Taste and See", are recipes from our partners across the world. Other books are also available; "Lets All Go Up To Zion", "Wandering Through Ephesians", "More Than Conquerors" and "An Introduction to Divine Healing". This and other books can be ordered via the website or the AMEN address.







These walkers covered the North Downs from Dorking to Polesden Lacey A BIG THANK YOU. The sponsored walk raised £5,000 towards our £7,500 budget for the Nigerian schools' project in 2017. This important pastoral care project will involve Grace & Light volunteer teams visiting 30 schools each year and speaking about the issues they face in their lives such as relationships, sex and HIV. Grace & Light aims to reach 4,500 students annually with the teams visiting each school between three and five times per year to give students ongoing support.

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