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Christmas News

Founder's Column



Christmas

has an almost universal appeal with the giving and receiving of gifts being the highlight for many. Our AMEN partners find that Christmas provides a special opportunity to give gifts as an expression of the love of Christ. So, a few thousand family shoe boxes will be distributed in Roma villages; Pakistani widows will receive practical help while deprived Indian children will enjoy some special food and games. And the reason for this, indeed the reason AMEN exists, is because you also have generously given. God bless you this Christmas as together we thank God again for His unspeakable gift.

Gareth



Asher, Anya, Ariel, Jannette and Winston



Yet what I can
I give Him:
give my heart.



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

Craciun Fericit!

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



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

sant sakaram ya
krismas!

**The first coming
of Jesus Christ**



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.
2 Corinthians 5:20

Sre an Boži !

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 Kirsimati!



**Napthali (and
Gladys)**
are engaged in
evangelism and
missionary training.
NIGERIA

**Nathar Puthu Varuda
Valthukkal!**



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

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

**Maligayang
Pasko!**



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

PRAY

Reggie and
Caroline
write, produce
and broadcast
gospel films &
documentaries.
INDIA



Nathar Puthu Varuda
Valthukkall!

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be
preached in the whole world as a testimony
to all nations, and then the end will come".

Matthew 24:14

The Greek word for nations is "ta ethne"
from which we get the word "ethnic"



The second coming
of Jesus Christ



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 pre-
school children . Please pray
that the Holy Spirit will open
their eyes.

Craciun Ferecit!



Mia Mihai
ROMANIA

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

Naya Saal Mubarak Ho!

Edwin
(and
Surreya)
reach out
to the
needy of
the local
community.
PAKISTAN



There are about 10,000 people
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.

PRAY



Barka dà Kirsimați!



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

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

PRAY



Joy at
Christmas
in Pakistan
as widows
receive
bags of
gifts



Good
food!



Maligayang Pasko!

Srečan Božić!



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



Fried chicken
and fried
lumpia is a
favourite at
Christmas

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"*.



"What on earth is it?" 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.

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.



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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