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December 2021 - Joy to the World! "What if..."



Once again we thank God for Calvary Chapel Bartlesville, Oklahoma for their Christmas generosity! They have come together to blessed the families of the JFM Pastors with financial assistance during these difficult days.

Greetings from Kenya this December 24th, 2021!

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness, grace and mercy that has seen us through another year! Thank you, dear Friends of JFM, for your prayers and support! We wish you a beautiful and joyous celebration of the Savior's birth and we wish you peace in the New Year!

You'll find our JFM 2021 Christmas letter in the section below. We hope it will encourage you today.

**In Christian Love,
Mike and Cheryl!**



Enjoying a pre-Christmas lunch after Christmas shopping with some of our JFM sponsored students



Grace, Joseph and Jessica were very excited to pick out a watch!



41 Kenyan children will receive a Christmas backpack with a special message of God's love!

“Remembering Jesus’ Birth - What if...”

Imagine what life would be like without our family members or dear friends or even modern conveniences, which in the “Kenyan Bush” doesn’t require imagination! That void causes an appreciation to well up in our hearts for those who are so important to us.

That famous, old, Jimmy Stewart, Christmas movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life” gives us a fictional look at what life in the town of Bedford Falls would be like if George Bailey had never been born. Instead of Bedford Falls and George Baily, let’s take a minute to think about Bethlehem and Yeshua-Jesus. What if... the world was still waiting for the Messiah to be born? What would it be like? Where would we be? How would we be?

If Yeshua-Jesus had not yet been born, He would have not yet gone to the cross to suffer for our sins. We would still be lost in our sins requiring the

sacrifices of bulls, sheep and goats, and the writer of Hebrews tells us, “For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” (Hebrews 10:4) We would be living without hope of eternal life, and we would be waiting.

The Holy Spirit would have not yet been sent on the Day of Pentecost. There would be no Church nor gifts of the Spirit. No Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, nor teachers. Our lives would not yet be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We would be selfishly living for ourselves.

Oh... but He was born in Bethlehem! Oh... but He did die for our sin! Oh... but we are the Church and we have been given the Holy Spirit and we do have hope of eternal life!

Luke 2:25-32:

There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So, when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

As we remember Yeshua-Jesus’ birth, let us celebrate with renewed joy and appreciation!

Missionaries Mike and Cheryl and the JFM Board of Directors

May the Holy Spirit guide you in the New Year, may the grace of Yeshua help you in every situation and may the love of the Father flow through you!

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