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# The Reality of Christmas



Matty and Jalen are often mistaken for brothers—and no wonder! Matty is now 15. He came to Adullam House as a baby!

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My paraphrase of **1 Corinthians 1:22**: Half the population want to see proof of something miraculous taking place, while the other half just want to hear from the most brilliant, ear-tickling charmers in society.

The next verses are saying that no one wants to simply hear talk about a man who came from Heaven and loved people so much He was killed for them. But that is exactly what Paul preached. (1 Cor. 1:23-25) The trouble is that **if you preach it**, **you have to live it**. You have to be ready to let folks hurt you and keep on loving them; the very ones you are trying to help—you have to take the hurt and keep on showing exorbitant love to them—without retaliation. Otherwise what we preach is a waste of time!

That is the real story of Christmas—the real "giving" of the season. Dying to yourself so that others can live and see real love in action—in you.

### Preaching it by your life. That's why He came.



I've heard it said that if you can do it without God, then it probably isn't God in the first place. If that is so, then we are in good company.

### <u>Africa</u>

What a chance to bring the love of Jesus to kids living in the most abject poverty. This year the Lord has graciously provided through His people, not only the funding for a well to be dug at the orphanage, but also the plans are in place to start building a school for our precious children! Lets change their lives this Christmas and forever!

### <u>Moldova</u>

When kids arrive at our homes in Moldova, they are leaving behind a childhood of poverty, fear and hopelessness. At the three homes that Adullam House has supported this year, hearts are being healed and needs are being met. Encountering the love of Jesus in action for the first time changes **everything!** 



It takes a while to trust again when all you have known is rejection.

## <u>USA</u>

In our 25th year of ministry to the children of the incarcerated, we are rejoicing to see young people growing up to be fine men and women of God. Adullam House continues to provide the needs of children and babies who come to us in the most traumatic years of their lives, while mom is in prison and hope is nowhere to be found, but for Jesus...

> (Right) These little beauties, Joyce and Genesis, have stolen our hearts!

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We are daring to let the Lord use us to bring the Gospel to these *children at risk* in three different countries! The Lord is stretching us to do financially what to us is seemingly impossible. Last Christmas we received a request for help with gifts for the children in Kenya.

#### At the time we were installing a well and it just didn't seem possible to do both.

This year we just can't let the season go by without at least trying to make it all happen. So for the kids here in the USA, for the children in Moldova, and for our precious little ones in Kenya,





#### here goes!

**In Africa:** We will soon be sending over a work crew to do the groundwork for the new school. Wouldn't it be amazing if they could take over a gift for each child? A stocking with some little items inside would be beyond their wildest dreams! So for those who would like to make miracles happen we are asking

for a *Christmas Stocking plus \$20 to fill it* for each child. The items will be bought in Kenya, since to transport enough items to fill stockings for 218 children would be impossible. The stockings can be purchased here. Perhaps you could buy one or more of these stockings and make miracles happen this year!

# In Africa: We will soon be sending over a work crew to do the groundwork for the new to do here this year.

This Christmas, the teens from both houses are going to stay with the children at the orphanage in the village of Cupcui for three days! It will be a special time of sharing and activities for the little ones as well as the older teenagers, and will be a way to focus on the real meaning of the season by caring for each other. It will cost about \$3,000 to make this trip happen and to provide all that is needed for this special adventure for the kids. Transport, food, games, and toys have all been factored in, so if anyone would like to help to pay for an exciting Christmas event at the orphanage please mark your gift 'Cupcui'!

And PLEASE don't forget our kids here at <u>Adullam House U.S.A</u>! Just like your kids, we have dozens of children here in Alabama, who need a Christmas too! From the babies and toddlers in the Nursery, who have no one else to buy for them, to our teenagers who look forward to this time of year and count down the days. The excitement is building. <u>At this time of year every penny counts!</u>

As we step out to reach more children than ever before please prayerfully give the best gift you can. So many lives depend on what we do.

### Talk about rescued lives!

Nothing is more exciting than watching lives that have been ravaged by sin and deprivation come alive again! Absolutely nothing! Earlier this week our boys played their first basketball game of the season. On their arms they wanted to write 'we are family'! And indeed they are. Some have been here for many years. Some for just a few. But they have played sports together for a long time. That explains why they cheered so hard, when one of our boys scored two 'threepointers'. He has little to no self-esteem. Sometimes he misses out on fun because he sits in the background watching. He The sloths and the two police practices basketball alone at the pavilion and disappears when the rest arrive. that showed up! Our high-But on Friday he shone!-Twice! He pretended it was nothing and didn't smile. Cast turned out in style. Even But we knew, it was his night—

#### his time to shine.

#### **Needs List for December 2019**

- Disposable foil Casserole dishes
- Canned corn and baked beans
- Plastic cups
- Silver ware—teaspoons, forks and knives
- Large black trash bags
- Bottled water
- Bleach
- Body wash and shampoo
- Body lotion/moisturizer
- Kids chewable vitamins



men were just some of the fun characters from Zootopia schoolers decided to put on grand display and the whole Disney would have been proud of them!

Disney Day is always a lot of fun for our AHCA students. As you can see they go all out! Many, many thanks to Miss Emma and Miss Naomi who are the inspiration behind SO many of our amazing costumes!





Some of our young people have formed an awesome praise and worship band. We would love come with them to share the story of Adullam House! Call us at 334-514-3070 for more information.

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