



It's always a joy to have veteran actor, **Gavin MacLeod** and his wife, **Patti**, on **Praise**. Gavin is best remembered for his role as "Captain Stubing" on the hit TV series, "The Love Boat." He and Patti have been a part of the TBN family for many years as hosts of the popular program, "Back on Course."



Grammy and Dove Award winning musician, **Kirk Franklin**, was host to **Dr. Tony Evans**, pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, TX. Dr. Evans is also the founder of "The Urban Alternative," a ministry geared towards equipping Christians to make an impact on society by "rebuilding lives from the inside out."



A best-selling author and renowned motivational speaker, **Dr. John Maxwell** is America's foremost expert in leadership development. It was a special privilege to have Dr. Maxwell share some of his powerful, Bible-based insights on **Praise the Lord**.



We had an awesome night of ministry with **Praise** host, **Paul Jr.** and his guests (left to right): former NBA star, **A.C. Green**; music legend and now minister of the Gospel, **M.C. Hammer** and dynamic speaker and evangelist, **Mario Murillo**.



Renowned Gospel recording artist, **Larnelle Harris**, was recently our guest on **Praise**. Winner of eleven Dove Awards and five Grammy Awards, Larnelle has recorded 18 albums. Lifting up Jesus is at the heart of his music and ministry!



Internationally acclaimed singer, **Natalie Cole**, brought the house down as she ministered during the premiere **Praise** program, with hosts **Matt and Laurie**, taped from Trinity Christian Church in Irving, TX.

Happy Birthday Jesus

TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED

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Of course, we know Jesus came to redeem us from sin and He died on the cross to save and make us sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, but as our theme Scripture shows, we see so much more that our Savior purchased for us — not only our eternal salvation — but everything we need here and now in this life.

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they were desperate; they had traveled far, were exhausted and worst of all, Mary was pregnant and near to giving birth! Again, it was made clear — "NO ROOM!" Joseph pleads again and again, until finally the little innkeeper was so moved with compassion he broke down and said, "Well, I know I am not supposed to say this, but COME ON IN!"

I'm sure all of us, if in the innkeeper's place, would have desired to say the same thing! Thank God, millions of us have found room for HIM in our hearts and how we long to lead others into our "inn"!

But, beyond the glorious truth of "so great a salvation" (Hebrews 2:3), Jesus has come to touch, heal, deliver, bless, and provide for our every need.

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**Brandon, Paul Jr., Paul, Matt
Brittany, Tawny, Cara, Jan, Laurie, Caylan, Cody**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH LOVE,
FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS**

Praise the Lord

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Arise, shine for thy light has come..." (Isaiah 60:1). From TBN's headquarters in Costa Mesa, CA: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS"!

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passed 50,000, with many more feared trapped in crushed and fallen buildings.

Ah, dear partners, this will not be a happy Christmas for millions around the world. Surely, as I wrote last month, these disasters signal the "birth pangs," of the nearness of the return of Christ.

SO WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Our theme Scripture holds the answer, but **WE MUST GET THE MESSAGE TO THEM!**

Can we even fathom the pain, sorrow, and broken hearts in those who have lost loved ones: wives, husbands, children, relatives, and friends? In Indonesia alone, thousands were literally snatched from the arms of loved ones and pulled into the sea, never to be seen again. I am told that a pastor in India, clutching to hold his wife, lost his grip only to lose his dear one forever!

Yes, the only answer is in our precious Jesus, now the full grown and powerful Son of God, our Father. In the book of Luke, Jesus repeated the prophecy of Isaiah concerning Himself:

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME...." (Luke 4:18)

And here are some of the precious missions a baby Jesus grew up to fulfill:

"HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED...." (Luke 4:18)

And again, I ask: *Who is Jesus' body on earth today?* **WE ARE!** He told us to go into all the world to —

"PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED." Luke 4:18

Dear Partners, we are Jesus' body here on earth — we are to do all these wonderful ministries to the multitudes who languish with unbelievable pain — with broken hearts that only Jesus can heal!

Touch that hurting neighbor with a gift of love; introduce them to dear, old TBN with 24 hours a day healing of broken hearts. Invite them to church — tell them of the GREATEST HEALER of broken hearts who wants to come in and live in and heal that broken heart.

Yes, we can make this a Merry Christmas for millions as we broadcast the love of our Jesus around the world through YOUR TBN! Let's all be Jesus' hands extended and make this a happy Christmas for multitudes, in spite of the awesome tragedies our world has suffered this year.

We love you and are holding you, our precious Partners, in prayer as we bring in the Harvest and as we bind up the brokenhearted with Jesus' love.

Paul



HELLO CANTON, OHIO! Paul gives a "thumbs up" to the beautiful, new studio building for TBN's station in Canton, OH: WDLI-TV 17. And, now, thanks to digital multicast broadcasting, viewers with digital TV receivers can get all four TBN networks: TBN, The Church Channel, JC-TV, and TBN Enlace on WDLI-DT Channel 39.



Paul and our Canton station chief engineer, Dale Osborn, in front of the new digital transmitter. If you would like more information on how you can receive TBN's multicast channels, please go to the "TBN News" section of our website: www.tbn.org, and click "TBN Begins Shift to Digital."



NEW YORK CITY: "get ready, get ready, get ready!" Paul and grandson, Brandon Crouch, stand in front of the future home for TBN's station that will cover the "Big Apple"!



Pastor Steve Munsey hosted Dave Roeber on a very moving **Praise the Lord** program. An author, speaker, evangelist, and decorated Viet Nam veteran, Dave brings a message of hope and healing wherever he ministers.



A member of the Lakota/Sioux tribe, **Rev. Richard Twiss** is the president and co-founder of Wiconi International. Richard shared with **Praise** host, **Dwight Thompson**, about the work Wiconi International is doing to reach Native people worldwide with the Gospel.

LOVE LETTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

From the USA: "I can say with confidence, because of your programming, I am saved. January 29, 2003, I became a new person in Christ. My spirit was restored. I always thought of myself as a Christian, I lived as a Christian, but I wasn't born again until that day. So many believe that TBN reaches out to the unbelieving, to the unchurched, and perhaps it does; but I must tell you, it reaches out to those of us in the church who may be missing vital portions of faith, and missing applying that knowledge to our lives.... I have a renewed spirit, a renewed faith, and TBN was instrumental in obtaining this." —L.S.

From Viet Nam: "I regularly watch your programs on TBN and it really helps me lift my spirit and keep me strong.... Some of my friends here do watch you also even of different religions and nationality. They were so curious about Jesus. Few of them don't even know Him, and TBN was a big help for a better understanding." —N.D.

From the Czech Republic: "I cannot emphasize enough the blessing and benefit I, my family and all I talk to about your programmes get from the Word of God you and the TBN family produce in so many different ways."

From the United Arab Emirates: "I am writing to express my great appreciation for the great service that you are doing in bringing people around the world closer to God. I am a non-Christian by birth, however a friend of mine introduced me to your work and mission and I am deeply moved by the sincerity and power in it...."

From Jamaica: "TBN has been responsible for saving my life. When I need inspiration, someone to pray with or to listen to...TBN is always there." —S.B.

From Australia: "The manna that this broadcast network provides to feed me and my family is huge—and necessary. It allows us to see the work of the Holy Spirit, and the body of Christ, across the world—motivating us to excel and prosper in our own walks." —M.B.

The Battle for Digital Multicast Must Carry Continues!

Are you seeing all of what TBN has to offer?

For breaking news, congressional initiatives, and legal updates on digital television and multicast must carry—and what YOU can do to help pass this important legislation—please go to the TBN website at: www.tbn.org and click on the "Multicast Must Carry Legislation" button.

PORCELAIN NATIVITY KEEPSAKE BOX

The ladies love and collect them. Jan has a beautiful collection of these similar style porcelain boxes.

Our special Nativity porcelain box is more than just a "what not" to collect dust on a shelf; it is a superb work of art and actually opens up and can hold small, special treasures like rings, pins, etc. This box is very unique as it contains a gold plated replica coin from Jesus' time, a piece of real frankincense and an actual piece of myrrh! The fragrance is a blessed reminder of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the new KING! You will treasure this precious art piece to be passed on to future generations.

Your Christmas love gift to TBN this December only will bring this one of a kind keepsake box to you with all our love and appreciation.

Merry, Merry Christmas from Jan and me and all your great TBN family.

Paul & Jan

SEND YOUR LOVE GIFT TODAY TO: TBN, P.O. BOX A, SANTA ANA, CA 92711 or call TBN'S Prayer and/or Pledge Line: 1-888-731-1000 (toll free in the U.S. and Canada)

For callers outside of the United States, please phone: +1-714-731-1000

To make or renew your Praise-a-Thon pledge, or for more information about TBN please go to: www.tbn.org

A limited quantity of love gifts is ordered each month. If we run out of the gift, a substitute will be sent in its place. The love gifts offered are not for sale. Please do not ask for more than one love gift. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. NO PHONE ORDERS, PLEASE. Keep the lines open for Salvation, Prayer and Pledge Calls ONLY. God bless you!

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