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# NO ROOM IN THE INN — 1982

This will not be your typical Christmas message. For too long we have sentimentalized the real meaning of Christmas right out of existence. As Jan and I have visited new areas this year like New York and revisited areas of stark poverty like Haiti, our hearts have passed the breaking stage and **NOW** a holy and righteous indignation at the deceit and destruction of the devil has arisen! Also a cry of righteous anger at the complacency of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ toward the appalling human need which has wrenched at our very souls this year as never before.

A sentimental mist arises in most Christian's eyes as we reread the story of Jesus' birth in object poverty.

### NO ROOM IN THE INN

stirs memories of sorrow as we think of a frightened little teenage girl giving birth to her first born in a cold wretched stable. I remember as a child thinking how different it would have been if only I could have been there — I would have had room — He could have had my room! How easy to ease our conscience by thinking of what we **would have done** if only we could have been there at His humble birth.

My heart was broken afresh as I read recently an article by Chuck Colson whom God has raised up to minister to those in prison in or out of jail. The heart of his message should move us all to action — here is what he said:

"A recent survey revealed that an estimated 36,000 homeless men and women have been wandering **New York streets at night**. The city's maximum shelter capacity is just more than 3,500 and the budget is already overloaded, so a few weeks ago Mayor Koch appealed to the city's religious leaders for help. If each of New York's 3,500 places of worship would care for just 10 homeless people, a desperate human problem would be quickly solved, without huge government expense.

"The churches' reactions were not quite what the mayor had hoped for. According to "THE NEW YORK TIMES", some religious leaders were miffed at first learning of the plan through the newspapers. Dr. Robert Polk, director of the New York City Council of Churches said: "The mayor has never mentioned this to me. He has not called and nobody from his office called to apprise me of this."

"A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese sidestepped in a different way. "It is a very complex situation and the remedy will



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be complex." Rabbi Paul Hait of the Board of Rabbis spoke for the Jewish synagogues, "... there are problems of implementation in many churches and synagogues. During the winter, many turn off their heat at night."

"According to the TIMES, the consensus was that the **religious** leaders **needed time** to evaluate the proposal. I wonder how it will sound on that day, promised in Matthew 25, when our Lord says, "I was a stranger and you did not invite me in," and the religious leaders respond, "but Lord, you didn't give us time to study the proposal."

"So when put to the test, the **church in New York** worried more about protocol and prerogatives than human beings. It was more concerned with heating bills than homeless people huddled against its doors to escape sub-zero winds."

What will Jesus say to you and me when we stand to give an account of our stewardship? To many He will say:

*"I was a stranger and you did not invite me in; naked and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison and you did not visit me."*

*"Then they will answer, saying, 'Lord when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of you?'"*

*"Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"*

But the most chilling indictment to the religious people of Jesus' own day was this:

*"And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25: 43-46)*

Beloved Partners, the glorious fact of the matter is : **We are making a difference through Christian Television!** Praise God, if some religious leaders are indifferent to human need **WE ARE NOT!** Through you and HIS HAND EXTENDED ministry we are reaching out daily, touching the lives of hundreds of needy families and lonely individuals.

This Christmas let's reach out our hands to those who also have "NO ROOM IN THE INN." Let's make room for **HIM** in 1982 by touching our fellow humans with the love of the Christ child.

Pastors — let's OPEN our churches and houses of worship and show them the love that we are commanded to have toward them. Let us hear **HIM** say to all of us:

*"in as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren ye have done it unto me."*

Paul

## WITH YOUR HELP THE TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK IS REACHING OUT TO...

His Hand Extended  
Haiti  
The Albert Sitton Home

Florence Prison  
New York  
Ada, Oklahoma



*For I was hungered and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in! Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me!*



Food, clothing and small utensils ... go out every day from one of our HIS HAND EXTENDED centers at one of the major stations! If you have a need, contact us for food and clothing.

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Clothes for a beautiful person who needs clothing. Thank-you for caring for those less fortunate than you! Be JESUS' HANDS EXTENDED!





The beautiful new HAITIAN ORPHANAGE is on its way. Homeless children *will* have a home because *YOU* care. Jesus will ask us if we saw a stranger and took him in—and we can say, YES LORD!



Matthew and Gladys sneaked some food outside to those that so patiently wait for their turn and fed them special! This food was provided by you!



Machine, Machine—little boys who know you love them! Thank you from our babies in HAITI—over 20,000 machines and dolls went to HAITI and we helped distribute them for you—what a joy!



Dr. Charles Turner and Gladys (a registered nurse) examine a little girl on the examining table provided by Dr. Turner and shipped over by the Standex Corp.



640 little angels ate the day we were in Haiti. Every day they eat food provided by *YOU*—they patiently wait until all are seated, bow their heads and thank Jesus for the food—then eat!



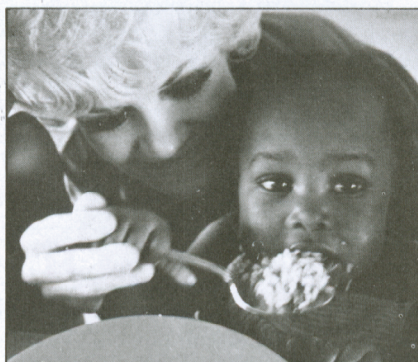
Bébé, Bébé—a little doll for a little doll. These children know that you love them because we *did* something about their hunger and their nakedness and their hopelessness! We have fed them, clothed them and told them about JESUS!



MERCI! signed the children of Haiti. Thank you for FOOD, DOLLS AND ETERNAL LIFE! They will never forget *you* cared!



This is the little girl who came to Gladys and asked, "Is today the day the lady brings the dolls?" For 3 days she came at 6 a.m. —finally she said, "Madam Pastor, how many more sleeps?" She got a beautiful bride doll from one of our partners.



A little tummy filled with food provided by *YOU*—fill the tummys up and then tell them this comes in the Name of Jesus!



Paul, Jan and Arthur Blessitt on 'Hallelujah Little Havana, Fl.' passing out food to people in need.





Paul & Jan and a group from TBN took food, clothing, gifts and toys to the ALBERT SITTON HOME. One little girl looked at Jan and said, "Are you God?" Jan let her know that she was not God—but Jesus' HANDS extended.



One of Jan's favorite days was the day Jan, Dotty and Maralee took 17 children from ALBERT SITTON HOME (a home for abused and homeless children) to Knotts Berry Farm for a day of FUN, eating, riding and telling them we love them!



LaVerne & Edith, Paul & Jan, went to Florence, AZ prison to tell those precious men and women that Jesus loves them and *so do we!*



We have seen a miracle in the prisons. Many, many beautiful men and women have been saved watching TBN but the greatest joy is going *into* the *prisons* and letting these beautiful people know we do LOVE them and know they CAN MAKE IT!



Jan handing a tract to a child in Spanish Harlem, New York, telling the children about Jesus and Channel 54!



HALLELUJAH ADA, OKLAHOMA! Arthur, Paul & Jan have walked in Los Angeles, Hollywood, CA, Liberty City, Little Havana, FL, Las Vegas & Reno, Nevada, Washington, DC, San Francisco, CA—going into the highways and byways compelling them to come in.

## OUR LOVE GIFT TO YOU

Our Christmas Love gift to you this month is our beautiful 1983 Picture Calendar. Filled with pictures of all the great highlights of the past year, it will bless your home all year and be a daily reminder to PRAY for your 24-hour a day 100% Christian Television.

- ☐ Enclosed is my special Christmas gift to help build more Christian Television around the world! \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Please send my TBN picture calendar for 1983.

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