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Christian greetings to my fellow workers in the Kingdom:

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A dear friend of mine, Dr. Harry Wendt, sent me a prayer for the Christmas season. I want to share it with you. Note that it is "top heavy" (as well it ought to be). The first paragraph flows with adoration for what Christ has done for us and the second paragraph is filled with praise for what He soon will do. He closes on what we are to be doing in the meantime.

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"Lord, You comforted those whom the so-called righteous despised. You touched and raised the dead. Although You made this vast universe, You visited us in the humble Person of Jesus. You did not seek to live in a palace. You did not walk in the ways of the rich and powerful. You sought not the greatness that the world applauds. You redefined what it means to be blessed and cursed. You showed mercy to those who put You to death.

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We thank You that soon we will 'inherit' (not merit), the kingdom prepared 'for us' (not by us) before time began (when we were not present to help prepare it). Boasting will be out; grace will reign supreme! Make us aware of the need of Your message and mission in our confused world. Inspire and empower us to make known Your forgiving mercy and Your eternal plan for humanity. In Your great, wise, and forgiving name we pray. Amen."



A prisoner in Florida writes: "I am from Cuba. My friends and I had never heard the gospel before coming to America. Many Cuban inmates are coming to Christ now, thanks in part, to the Spanish Bible correspondence courses provided by ARM. We need all the spiritual help the ARM family of supporters can provide. I am currently teaching seven other prisoners." (NOTE: ARM has placed six baptistries in Cuban prisons and churches).

TEN GREAT QUOTES TO REMEMBER THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

1. "And those who are wise – the people of God - shall shine as brightly as the sun's brilliance, and those who turn many to righteousness will glitter like stars forever." - Daniel 12:3
2. "You are either a missionary or a mission field." - Charles Spurgeon
3. "Give me one hundred people who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth." - John Wesley



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4. "You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." - Jesus of Nazareth

5. "Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face - whose mercy you have professed to obey - and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world." - William Booth

6. "I exhort you, press on in your course, and exhort all men that they might be saved." - Polycarp

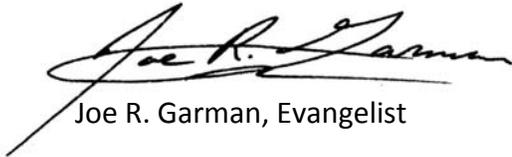
7. "We are to be fishers of men rather than keepers of the aquarium." - Keith Green

8. "It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor." - Martin Luther

9. "You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving." - Amy Carmichael

10. "Lord, make me a crisis man. Let me not be a mile-post on a single road, but make me a fork that men must turn one way or another if facing Christ in me." - Jim Elliot

From Chains to Change,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe R. Garman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joe R. Garman, Evangelist

P.S. Please consider sending a special Christmas/year-end gift in the enclosed envelope. It will be used to purchase materials for the incarcerated men, women, boys and girls we serve.

Merry Christmas from all of us at ARM!