

# Mission News

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## **Our Purpose:**

To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, we share and demonstrate God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit by meeting basic spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs of those in Mexico and beyond.

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## *"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"*

It was a Christmas tradition for Harry and Betty Sherda to attend Midnight service at the Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, CA. The words of "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" are poignant with meaning. "Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in." Betty prayed, "Oh Holy Child of Bethlehem be born in us (me) today." Betty, an agnostic, was born again.

The Sherdas served on our board for over 20 years. Harry, a C.P.A. served as Treasurer. Betty, a court translator, traveled with Charla in Mexico.

The Sherdas hosted us on a number of trips, including a trip to the Holy Land, led by Dr. George Wood.

A trip to Bethlehem was number one on Betty's agenda...but we were so disillusioned by the Church of the Nativity.

Then Dr. Wood led us to a nearby shepherd's cave, much like the one that could have been used by the innkeeper. It was musty and a dark, dank place. No place to give birth. We wept. No little drummer boy, or soft lights or poinsettias. No place for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Early the next morning, after the birth, we could hear the innkeeper's wife saying, "If I had only known, I would have given Him the best room in the inn!"

But most important; is there room in your heart for the Lord Jesus? "Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in."



*Thousands will be attending their outdoor Christmas pageant again this year. Children will go caroling and give a choice give to a child who has nothing to give.*



# Awesome Christmas Stockings



*The women of Village Church*

We stood amazed; Vicki Gravell shopped all year to purchase age appropriate gifts for over 100 children.

The women of the Village Church in Laguna Woods, CA, went to Vicki's home to fill the stockings, (really Christmas cloth bags).



*Vicki*

And for our children in Oaxaca, Ranell Conine from Winnetka, IL raised money with her friends so the staff there could purchase gifts to go in their stockings.

This was the fourth year Ranell blessed our children in this way.

There were "American Girl Dolls" dressed by Vicki. Cuddly dolls, Legos, arts and craft material and soccer balls. It was like a giant toy store. The event was extraordinarily well organized. We were in awe of Vicki's out pouring of love for the least of these.

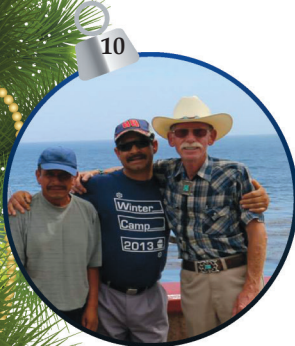




# Alternative Christmas



*Alternative Christmas Giving provides individuals, families, and churches an alternative, creative way to celebrate Christ's birthday. He frequently spoke about God's concern for the poor or oppressed. Many of our traditions are self-indulgent or extravagant. Would it not be more appropriate to bless someone truly needy, the poorest of the poor?*



1. MISSION NEEDS
2. MILK AND PEANUT BUTTER
3. BEANS
4. BLANKETS AND TARPS
5. DIAPERS
6. CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A CHILD
7. SCHOOL UNIFORMS, SHOES, AND BOOKS
8. DISPENSAS
9. HIGHER EDUCATION  
(College, University, Tech School)
10. MEN'S REHAB  
(RANCHO DE CRISTO)
11. EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND



*To give to Alternative Christmas, see the insert or visit [www.ffhm.org/alternative-christmas](http://www.ffhm.org/alternative-christmas)*



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Please notify us of address changes,  
if you plan to be away, or if you would  
like to be removed from our mailing list  
at [info@ffhm.org](mailto:info@ffhm.org).

*Thank you, Father, for those who care!*

### IN MEMORY OF

**Hope Decker**

By Rod & Faith Southard

**William Kaakiola**

By Dominic Badayos

**Carol Hayden**

By Bob Hayden

**Gloria Teibel**

By Thomas Teibel

**Glenn Carr**

By Mary Freiburger

**Carl Weatherford**

By Mary Freiburger

**Chuck & Phyllis Mills**

By Russ Mills

**Jan Holter**

By Chuck & Charla Pereau & Family

By David & Barbara Anderson

By Rodney & Barb Adrian

By Bob & Judy Howen

By Nancy Thone

**Roger Koester**

By Barbara Koester

**Eleanor Cowpersmith**

By Mary Gronlund

**My husband, Rev. Alfred W. Walck**

**& Amanda M. Walck, parish worker**

By Marion Walck

**Sam Simpson and Lloyd Baker**

By the Leighton, Sheridan & Bohn  
Families

**Jack Leighton Sr. and Vera Wighton**

By Hellikki Tikkanen

**Joe Sziva**

By Jean & Soudy Bergeron

**Bert Henriksen**

By Cheryl Henriksen

**Myrna Hurst**

By Carrie Shank

**John Moore**

By Beverly McLeod

**Craig Bradley Pereau**

By Chuck, Charla & Family

**Jim Knowlton**

By Jack & Lois Schofield

### IN HONOR OF

**Richard Oswald**

By Brian & Julie O'Connor

**Linda & Terry Geboy's**

**50th Wedding Anniversary**

By Terry Harvey

**Valerie Petersen's 60th Birthday**

By Vicky Johnson

**Joe & Joann Payne**

By Mark Larson

**My 12 grandchildren &**

**15 great grandchildren**

By Marion Walck

**Kim Leighton's 65th Birthday**

By The Leighton, Sheridan

& Bohn Families

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR STAFF, CHILDREN AND BIBLE INSTITUTE STUDENTS

It has become impossible for us to  
transport special gifts to our staff  
and children due to restrictions at the  
border. Monetary gifts seem to be the  
only solution.

If you wish to give your sponsored  
child a Christmas gift, please send  
a donation of up to \$30 before  
December 8, 2017.

Our sponsorship secretaries  
will do the shopping  
the second week of December.

Canadians, please note the  
US exchange rate when  
sending gifts for staff or children.

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### TO THOSE WHO ARE CONSIDERING MAKING A YEAR-END GIFT:

Be sure your gift is postmarked by  
December 31st in order to receive a tax  
deductible receipt for 2017.

*He came because He so loved the world. At Christmas we're  
reminded that we are called to love the world like Jesus did. Because  
His love fills our hearts – especially at Christmas – we share that  
love with a lost and hurting world.*

*Merry Christmas*  
*from all of us at Foundation for His Ministry*