

THE WORD OF GOD - In Their Hands - And Upon Their Hearts

Weber - LBTC Cameroon Christmas letter 2017

***"We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load."***

*"Brothers, sisters, let me be your servant"
(Verse 2) by Richard Gillard, 1976-77
(CCLI Song #72673)*

Dear fellow pilgrims,

Since 2016 we have traveled a lot from place to place. Although it is often tiring, we have been helped by many along the way, and blessed by refreshing friendships and fellowship in prayer.

Each of us has his own life journey,
Not knowing what all lies ahead,
Counting in God's faithful promises
Believing what God has done and said.

The Christmas story tells of many travels,
Of Mary and Joseph, wise men, shepherds,
Angels from Heaven, but the greatest of all,
The baby Jesus born in a manger stall.

The virgin Mary, pregnant with child,
With her pious husband to be
Journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem
To fulfill the will of Caesar's decree.

From eternity in Heaven to time on earth
Jesus joined mankind through a human birth,
Beginning as a small and helpless babe
So He could come mankind to save.



Angels came down longing to see
The wonder of God living with humanity,
The shepherds trembled at their glorious sight,
And went to see the child that very night.

The wise men traveled from afar,
To find the newborn King, guided by the star.
Rejoicing when the child they saw,
They worshipped Him with gifts in awe.

"Take the child and flee!" the angel said.
From Bethlehem to Egypt they quickly fled.
Mary and Joseph could not stay,
For Herod's sword was on the way.

They returned from Egypt, when it was safe to go
To Nazareth where the child would grow
In stature, wisdom and favor
For His destiny as our Saviour.

***"Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
They make it a place of springs.
The autumn rains also cover it with pools.
They go from strength to strength,
Till each appears before God in Zion."***

Psalm 84: 5-7 (NIV)

To many towns and villages He walked
To announce the Good News to all,
Though He had "no place to lay His head",
"Follow Me!" was His call.

At the cross, He went the farthest for us all,
Into death itself to reverse the Fall.
Over the sting of death, the wages of sin,
And the claims of Satan, He did win.

Death could not hold Him, He rose to Life,
Won for us victory over death and strife,
He then ascended to God's Throne,
Preparing a place for His very own.

"Come, Lord Jesus, refresh my heart,
Let Your Word and Spirit give me a new start.
Guide and empower me along life's way,
To draw others closer to You each day!

I love to tell this story that is so very true
And share the Word of Life that comes from You.
Let this message go forth this New Year
That the world may Your Good News hear!"

We thank God:

- For sustaining and blessing us through many travels this past year.
- For the conference in Dallas in October. Our presentation went well, although we were preparing up to the last day.
- That the third book for the three-year cycle of Lectionary readings for the Kwanja Lutheran Churches is being printed as we write this. This is the completion of three weeks of intensive work in November.

Please continue to pray for us for:

- Good family times as we travel a day's journey for Christmas with Sammy, Kelsey, and our grandchildren Keturah and Caleb
- God's protection and enabling for the Cameroonian translators with whom we continue to work
- Daily wisdom and renewed strength as we work for God's Word to reach more people in their languages in Cameroon

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for supporting us on our journey through your prayers and contributions to LBTC, designated for Weber ministry.

Blessings on your journeys!

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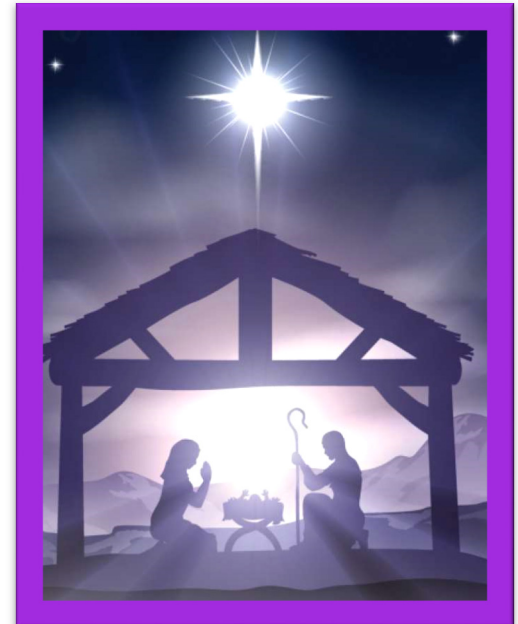
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"You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord. I lift Your name on high."



*As You Celebrate
the greatest journeys of all,
May Your Christmas
and coming New Year be
blessed abundantly
in Jesus!
Love from the Webers*