



THE MASTER'S FOUNDATION Christmas 2017



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Dear Partner in Ministry,

The year 2017 is quickly coming to a close and Christmas is only weeks away. For many people it is a time of celebration and thanksgiving - a time filled with family and friends, steeped with cherished customs and traditions. But above all, it is a time of gratitude as we reflect on the birth of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Luke.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord... And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Luke 2:10 -14

And yet during this joyous Christmas season there is so much sadness for hurting people everywhere in the world. Christmas is so different for them. In Ukraine, the war continues to devastate so many lives! Christmas will be painful. So many struggling; families without food, having lost their homes and nowhere to turn to. So many vulnerable people, young and old, who simply need a bowl of soup, bread and encouragement.

As I reflected on 2017 and all that has transpired, I am overwhelmed and so grateful with what God has done in helping us meet the cry of their hearts. We thank God for all the containers of aid we were able to send this year. We will share more of the years events in our Winter Newsletter.

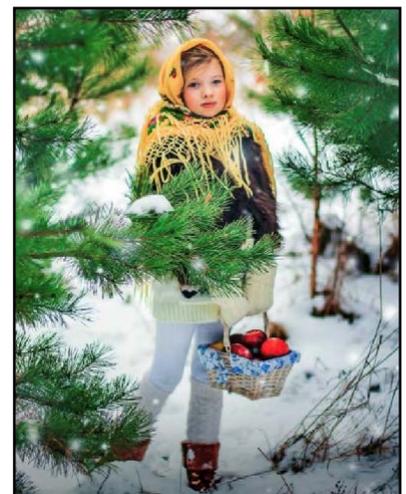
We are especially thankful and grateful for our partnership, friendship and support. You loved, you cared and gave so sacrificially. Because of your compassionate heart, many were blessed!

The children and people of Ukraine are so appreciative and thankful for your love and support to them in these trying times.

They know they are not alone, not forgotten, and especially to the suffering and elderly, this is of vital importance.

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Artsabliuk from Dubno. On behalf of all the children in Ukraine on the occasion of this Holy Christmas Season, I wish you much joy, hope, faith, love and peace. And may God bless you for your help, kindness and love to all the children in Ukraine. I and the many, many children send you Christmas Greetings

*Веселих Свят, Христос Родився.
Merry Christmas and Christ is Born!*



Many of our friends/workers in Ukraine also sent their Christmas greetings, their love and well wishes to you, our partners. Space does not permit to print all of their greetings, but there is a common thread in all of their wishes.

One in particular stood out. Svitlana Pitula of Livchitsi Orphanage writes...

Dear Mr. Stanley!

Accept my heartfelt greetings with a Merry Christmas! With these holidays, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their open palm in promoting the activities of the Livchytsee Boarding School. For anyone who extends a helping hand to these children, even creating at least a small good according to his strength, brings the light of the Christmas star into their wounded souls. May the Merciful Lord reward you and may His words be fulfilled in you, "Come, blessed of my Father, ... for what you did to one of the smallest of these my brothers, you have done it to me."

By thanking God for all the blessings and mercies of this past year shown to us, we will diligently ask Him to give you good health and bless you and your workers this Holy Season! We look with anticipation in the New Year for new achievements in our fruitful cooperation.

With respect, Svitlana Pitula, Boarding School Principal

Pastor Bohdan of Renaissance Church, Ternopil; Pastor Vova, Church of Love, Ovruch; Nova Borova Orphanage; Pastor Fedor, Lutsk Grace Church; Pastor Ivan, Krasnohorivka; Bohdan and Luba Romaniuk, Liviv; Sergey and Yulia Perkhalskiy and many others; all expressed their thanks and appreciation for God's blessing to them through Masters. All mentioned, *please do not forget to thank all your supporters and for remembering us in our time of need!*

The board of directors of Masters and I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with love, peace, health, happiness and prosperity!

God bless you!



Stan

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