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"Encouraging & Equipping Servant Leaders"



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Jesus is the reason for the [Christmas] season!

Special points of interest:

***Take time this Christmas season** to develop vertical and horizontal relationships that are strong and healthy.

***Extend exhortation to others through BLM** by praying, giving, and sharing about us as the Lord leads!

Happy New Year to you and your family!

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The Current members of the Barnabas Leadership Ministries' Board are:

- ◆ Mike & Leann McGee,
- ◆ Trey L. Dixon (Treasurer) &
- ◆ Sam Kirui (Founder)

Praying Friends & Family,

Christmas has come and gone, but we cannot forget its meaning! Jesus came to restore broken relationships between God and man and between human beings. He is the reason for the season. His coming should cause us to take a hard look at both our vertical and horizontal relationships. We need to ensure that these important relationships are strong and healthy. If they are not, we do have a chance this Christmas to set things right.

Because of Jesus' coming, we can be in close connection with our Creator and fellow man. The picture of connection presented in Hebrews 12:1-3 is a picture of inspiring examples that remind us that no one runs [the race] in isolation. In his book, *Transformation*, Dr. Bob Roberts, Jr., of NorthWood Church in Texas, explains this connection:

I used to think that Jesus and I could handle anything alone, but that was wrong. We need the whole body of Christ. Only Jesus saves and keeps—but he puts us in community to grow and develop, not in isolation. In other words, there is a reason why God created the church. We were created to live in community. We have been instructed not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We were born into the community of the kingdom and the local church is the seabed that we live in together (p.101).

Living out the Christian life [to the point that

we tell others to imitate us as we imitate Christ] gives value to the experience—to you and to the “cloud of witnesses” who are watching you. One song writer put it so well: *“You are the only Jesus some will ever see, so let them see in you*

the one they’ll ever need.”

This encourages us to embody the very life of Jesus so others can see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven (cf. Matthew 5:16).

Though we encounter difficulties, problems, hardships and struggles in our desire to let Christ be seen in us and through us, we must not be discouraged. Instead we should glance at the situation we are facing, and gaze at the Savior. The refrain of a famous hymn

tells us the outcome of our gaze: *“Turn your eyes upon Jesus; Look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”*

Let's express our gratitude to Jesus for His coming this Christmas by seeking to live closer to God and to each other. Because of his death and resurrection, He made it possible for us know God and to bring others to a reconciled relationship with God. Let's make the chorus of the song popularized by Steve Green our prayer: *“May the fire of our devotion light their way, and the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe and the lives we live inspire to obey. Oh, may those who come behind us find us faithful.”*

With best wishes and prayers, Sam



Christmas beads on branches

Three Needs for the New Year!

What are the key needs for the Barnabas Leadership Ministries (BLM) in 2012? As we start the New Year, we have three projects we are trusting God to enable us to fulfill for His glory in 2012, namely:

- **To provide some financial assistance for education as far as the BLM leadership is concerned. This will enable the BLM leadership to effectively minister to pastors and lay leaders.**
- **To purchase a public address system for a church in Eldoret, Kenya.**
- **To buy Bibles for some church members who cannot afford them in a local church in the Nakuru district of Kenya.**



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- Help leaders excel in stewardship and service
- Advance biblical leadership
- Network strategically &
- Distribute resources



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How You Can Help!

You can be of great help to us by praying for us, giving a tax-deductible gift and/or sharing about us to a friend or family member.

Thank you to those of you who are already praying for BLM and giving financially to enable us to do the ministry. We encourage you to continue supporting this work. We also welcome new partners to join the support team.

You may give an end-of-year tax-deductible donation by either donating online through a secure site ([Click here](#)) or mailing in your contribution to us before December 31, 2011.

Donations by check should be made out to: **"Barnabas Leadership Ministries"** and mailed to:

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If you have any questions, or wish to introduce us to a potential ministry partner, feel free to call, e-mail or text us using the contact info provided. Thank in advance for your generous donation to BLM. May God bless you.

In His exciting steps & service, Barnabas Leadership Team!

"And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)