Have a Blessed Christmas from The Hope of Survivors!

Dear Friends,

While pondering what to share with you in this Christmas letter, my mind was drawn back to the precious story of the birth of Christ. No matter what has happened during 2012, good or bad, of major significance or of little importance, we still have the precious gift of Jesus to celebrate. As you read the following passage and reflect upon the circumstances of His birth and what that means to you personally, I pray you will be drawn ever closer to your loving Savior.

Luke 2:7-20 says, "And she [Mary] brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 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, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those.
things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

We may not know what the future holds in 2013, but we can know Who holds our future! With your prayers and support, The Hope of Survivors will continue to facilitate hope and healing for victims of clergy sexual abuse around the world by letting the light and love of Jesus Christ flow through us to all.

May God bless you and your loved ones with joy and peace this Christmas and New Year!

Samantha, Steve and The Hope of Survivors' Directors, Officers & Volunteers

P.S. Please keep in mind that our offices will be closed for the holidays from December 22-26, and 31, as well as January 1.

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