Have a Blessed Christmas from The Hope of Survivors!

Dear Hope of Survivors Family,

This year has turned out to be the most amazing year in The Hope of Survivors' 11-year history and, in turn, for victims of clergy sexual abuse around the world. It is humbling to see how God has provided and blessed the ministry with the renewal center and so many other gracious gifts, not the least of which is the Maranatha Volunteers International team who has been working on the renovations at the renewal center, and your gifts that help keep the organization going so we can continue to help victims and educate clergy. All of us at The Hope of Survivors are truly grateful for your prayers, love and support.

With Christmas celebrations and gift giving right around the corner, I thought it would be appropriate for us to reflect on the greatest gift the world has ever received. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." While we enjoy the many temporal gifts we may receive, there is a much greater gift that was given long ago, Jesus Christ, our Savior. That gift, with the offer of forgiveness of sin and eternal life, is worth more than you and I could possibly comprehend.

As we share gifts with each other, let us remember that, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17)
Your Father loves you and has given you the best Gift ever. Let us all receive the love of Christ in our hearts and lives.

Have a blessed Christmas and healthy 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 through January 3.