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The Gifts of Christ -mas...

*“After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him **gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**”* Matthew 2:11

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:18-19.

*“When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and **He gave gifts to men...**”* Eph 4:8

GOLD: Symbolic of Christ’s Deity. He is Expressing His Deity “Toward, In, & Through Us.”

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”.... “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”
2 Cor 9:15, Rom 11:29

“As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God...” “...Of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.” 1 Pet 4:10, Eph 3:7

Mark, a middle aged single man has struggled with fear and questions his faith. He has discovered the reality of the trustworthy character of Jesus Christ and is learning how to trust Him for his needs.

“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow...” “...Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.” James 1:17, Ecc 5:19

Wilma, a single mother overwhelmed by medical bills was depressed and discouraged. Beyond helping her with her financial needs, she discovered that God is her Heavenly Father that He personally cares for her and her children.

Note: Each person mentioned in this letter has come to our ministry for counseling this year. Names are disguised.

FRANKINCENSE: Symbolic of Christ's Purity. His Righteous Intercessory Ministry of Reconciliation "Toward, In, & Through Us."

Jesus Christ "...Is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Jesus said "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." John 4:10 Hebrews 7:25

Ralph, a middle aged business man with deep resentments towards his wife, sought forgiveness, repented, and began to initiate actions to rebuild his marriage.

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!" "...But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift." Matthew 7:11, Eph 4:7

Dick, a 40+ year old single man that lost everything due to drug addiction, has experienced the healing of Jesus Christ to the wounds that motivated him to abuse drugs. He has been walking clean for several years and is now seeing "God restore the years that the locust has eaten."

MYRRH: Symbolic of Christ's Sacrificial Death. His Resurrection Life "Toward, In, & Through Us" Motivates Us to Reach Out to Others.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God..." "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." "...Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." Eph 2:8, Romans 6:23, 3:24

Marci, a young wife received news that her husband of two years wants a divorce, has discovered that the foundations for her security has been built on sand. She invited Jesus Christ to be the rock for her life.

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly...*" "For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established." Romans 12:6, Romans 1:11

Since 2012, we have made five trips to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Dominican Republic to train over 500 pastors and church leaders how to do Biblical Counseling. According to Jaime Blandon, the local pastor that we have coordinated the training through in these countries, the first "Be Transformed Pastor Training Conference" we did in 2012 has grown into multiple annual pastor training conferences. This has resulted in an explosion of training for over 7000 people in these countries as these endogenous church leaders have reproduced the training experience and taught the Biblical Counseling materials that we and other teachers have provided. We are returning to Dominican Republic March 2, 2020 for three weeks to present three separate "Be Transformed Pastor Training Conferences" for 100 pastors in each conference. We just shipped 300 books, but still need to raise about \$4000.00 for this mission opportunity.

Because we offer our Biblical Counseling Ministry and Biblical Counseling Pastor Training Conferences at no charge to anyone who is in need, our ministry is entirely supported by individuals like you who have the vision to help others engage with Jesus Christ to receive His gifts of healing thru Biblical Counseling. Your investments bring healing to the Walking Wounded; many hurting people who would never seek out a church on their own. Because we are a unique ministry we have open doors to help many who live outside the Christian mainstream.

We Are Grateful For You! Thank You for your continued prayers and the financial investments that you make to help the Walking Wounded through our ministry. You are essential to us!

P.S. Will you prayerfully consider additional financial involvement with Christian Ministry Concepts to help heal the Walking Wounded at this time by giving an additional gift? Your Christmas gift of \$25, \$50, even \$100 or of any amount will ensure our continued availability to the Walking Wounded.

