

Christmas greetings to you and your family at this blessed time of the year.

Last year we said “What a YEAR 2020” had been, unfortunately we now seem to have to add 2021 to that! But despite it all we are still making it through! Praise God.

If this is your first Christmas at New Life, then this will be your first opportunity to be a part of our ongoing Christmas miracles. Each year as we gather on Christmas eve or Christmas morning to give thanks to the Lord, each family, or individual brings a special Christmas offering that is given away in its entirety to help our local community or our international missions projects. Over the years we have given away over two million dollars to hurting and helpless people who needed the hope of Christmas love in a very real and tangible way.



This year our hope is “One Offering Two Miracles.” Over the years we have had the great privilege of partnering with and supporting the work of Project Rescue, as they relentlessly fight to save young girls from sex trafficking and slavery in India and throughout Europe. Last year God provided a very special opportunity to rescue more young girls than ever before. Due to the Covid outbreak the red-light districts in India were closed by the government and the traffickers were forced to abandon all the girls they had enslaved or be held responsible for their daily food and healthcare. With no income for their brothels the traffickers threw the young women into the streets rather than take the loss, some of these girls being just 9 or 10 years old. Through Project Rescue we were able to rescue hundreds of these girls. Providing them with food, shelter, healthcare and job training so they would never have to return to the brothels, but most importantly we introduce them to Jesus. Through His divine ability He has brought about that special inner healing that these girls so desperately need and only He can provide. As is the

case with God as He sees our faithfulness in meeting and completing the challenges He places before us, He opens the door to even greater opportunities for us to be used. Recently the owner of a large brothel in the center of the red-light district passed away. He left the building to his nephew, the nephew not being interested in the business wanted to sell the building, but he placed one stipulation on the sale, the building could never again be used as a brothel. This greatly limited the opportunity for the relator but provided a great opportunity for Project Rescue which we didn’t miss. Along with the help of New Life and a few other donors the building was purchased, and a victory was secured.



As we thought about the Christmas offering, we could think of nothing better than using it to help renovate, equip and staff Project Rescues first Rescue Center that is in the very center of one of the world’s largest red-light districts, a very real light in the midst of darkness.



Our second opportunity is one that New Life has long been a supporter of and that is the sanctity of life and the anti-abortion position.

A tangible expression of that position has always been our support of those who have sought to protect life especially at its most vulnerable stage. New Life has helped provide life giving equipment to some of our local neonatal units. This year we would again like to reaffirm our support for the unborn and for the little ones fighting to hold on to the

life God has given them by providing some much-needed new equipment to Griffin Hospital’s Childbirth Center.



So, we come to you again asking if you would help us rescue even more young women from the abuse of sex trafficking and support the smallest and most vulnerable of lives right here in our own community.

Please take some time to prayerfully consider your gift this year. God has protected our homes greatly this year, let's bless others in return. We encourage you to make it a family decision; using this opportunity as a teaching moment to show your children the importance of honoring God with your finances to bless those less fortunate. In the past people have asked and so we suggest perhaps basing your gift off what you might spend on a gift for a loved one. The important thing is not so much the amount of your gift as it is the sacrifice; give according to your blessing. Some may give \$50, some \$100 while others could easily give \$1,000. If we ALL sacrifice, God will honor us. Bring your gift to either our Christmas Eve (5pm) or Christmas Morning service (10am). Special Christmas offering envelopes will be available in the church foyer. If you're planning on being out of town for Christmas or if you will be joining us by livestream as part of our online campus, we need you to join in and give online, go to www.newlifest.com/christmas2021, or on our web page www.NewLifeCt.com click the "generosity" tab and select the "fund" Christmas 2021 and enter your gift amount. I know the Lord will bless you.

Can I personally challenge each family to try and strive to reach the level of \$100? Let me also thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless you for your gift. We look forward with great expectation to see God's hand bless and multiply our efforts.

Pastor Jason

