Unto the Least of His

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A Word from Bobby

Do you want to keep Christ in Christmas?

Matthew 25:35-36 (NRSV)

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came and visited me."

Feed the hungry

Jesus had compassion and he fed the multitude. I am sure that Jesus was busy but he found time to bless the hungry. He had empathy and sympathy for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

Give a drink of water to the thirsty

Remember the woman at the well? Jesus was born Jewish but he helped the Samaritan woman. He even offered her eternal life over a cup of water. Clean water changes peoples’ lives.

Welcome the stranger

When we practice hospitality and generosity, our own human love and existence is enlarged. I am reminded that hospitality has been a paramount task of the Christian community throughout time. Many will choose to follow or not to follow Christ by our gracious reception.

Clothe the naked

Clothing the naked is an act of mercy. It helps to take the shame and embarrassment of the less fortunate away. Remember the demoniac in Luke 8. Even though he did not deserve it, mercy made his life better and it made the whole community safer.

Visit the imprisoned, elderly and sick

Helping people who cannot help themselves is answering the call of God from the prophet Isaiah and Luke 4. To proclaim liberty and good news to the captive by having mercy is a biblical directive. When we might be tempted to withhold our love from them, it might be good for us to remember how many saints have spent time in sickness and incarceration that have served us.

Finally, give yourself a gift!

To forgive yourself and others is divine. Remember Stephen in the book of Acts and his example. He prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit and forgive them, do not hold this sin against them”, and he fell asleep. We do not know what day nor how we are going to die so we should walk in peace by forgiving others and ourselves.

Lord Jesus, inspire and help me to keep Christ in Christmas and to remember the infinite value of others. Amen.
Going for the gold! The Warner Robins First United Methodist Church made a difference in Virginia after a tornado touched down there. We went to be a blessing but, as always, we ended up being blessed!

Local mission work in Savannah, GA after hurricane Matthew! Greg is hearing about the good news of Jesus Christ and he also received a Bible.

I was blessed to be with my childhood friend, Terry Beasley, during the evacuations from hurricane Matthew. I will always be grateful for his friendship over the years. I love this guy!

Dr. Michael Lolwerikoi and I are creatively thinking of ways to sustain and enrich the people in Samburu. We are looking into the possibility of creating some solar powered chicken hatcheries. We know that Northern Kenya is very close to the equator and the area has plenty of sun. We are trying to find ideas for sustainable developments for these indigenous people. It was a joy to be with Michael and I look forward to seeing him soon for the implementation of our first solar powered chicken hatchery.

The beautiful Christian women are from South Sudan. They are amazing teachers and leaders in East Africa. Rosa and Lydia are committed to enriching and educating other women for a better life. We were able to help them and their families with the purchasing of chickens.

Dear Bobby and Nancy and partners of Unto the Least of His,

We are so thankful for your partnership in this ministry in northern Kenya! God has been truly honored and served by all you do for the Least of His.

There have been many blessings this year: the unexpected January rains, food provided by Unto the Least of His, and 2 life-saving water tanks. Over 45 people came to know the Lord this year as Savior! We were especially blessed and grateful for the water booster that is bringing water to families in remote villages who have no safe drinking water available!

The communities of Samburu still need your prayers. The numbers of those suffering continues to increase, especially as refugees make difficult journeys to our villages due to severe famine. They are desperate for food and water anywhere they can find it. The drought has worsened in the past few months and many are still hungry and without clean water to drink. We have a great need for more water tanks, smaller water containers, and food.

Feed a rural village for 1 month: a lorry of food, $2300
Provide clean water storage for 800 villagers: water tank, $2500
Help a family carry clean water: water container, $25
Gift of food & income for a family: goat: $50, cow: $300, chicken: $20
Deliver food and develop sustainable business income: Lorry: $7200

Thank you for praying with us for these needs!

Blessings and prayers,
Dipa, Naomi, Tina, and the Samburu people

Merry Christmas From our family to yours!