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## From Reaching Hearts Ministries

### “Embracing Our World For Jesus”

December 12, 2009

**Greetings:** Welcome! “. . . *Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people*” *Isaiah 56:7*. If you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here; if sorrowing, receive comfort; if troubled in spirit, gain the blessings of peace; if discouraged, rejoice in hope; if friendless, find companionship and Christian love.

**Visitors:** We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. Please write your name and address in our “Visitors’ Book,” at the front entrance Greeters’ table so we can keep you informed of our latest happenings at RHI. If you would like to share your spiritual gifts, we cordially invite you to join one of our ministry teams! Children, remember to pick up your special bulletins in the foyer!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY WITH THE PRAYER MINISTRIES TEAM IN THE LOBBY TODAY from 11:00-11:10 a.m.** We will be praising and thanking God for His continual leadership and guidance in the ministries of Reaching Hearts International. We will be praying for our congregation, our pastors, the ministries of Reaching Hearts International, and all those who will be participating in today’s Divine Worship Service.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers today are to celebrate the dedication of **Nathan** and **Kate** and to say thank you for all the prayers. We feel very blessed to have them in our lives—they are a joy!—**Jeb and Woody Amornkul**. If you or your family would like to provide flowers for the Divine Worship Service, please contact Carol Straight at (301) 830-0190. A sign-up book is available in the foyer.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** Our last Fellowship Luncheon for the year is planned for **December 19**. The Team Members serving will be Alice Miller, Juanita Gopala-Rao, Shirley Butler, Lilac Thomas and Kishon Hackett. If you would like to be actively involved with the Hospitality Ministry Team, please contact Alice Miller at (301) 434-1586.

**CD’s** of today’s sermon “**THE GOOD GOD AND THE GOOD LAND**” will be available in the lobby after the service.—The Toths.

► **SINCERE THANKS:** I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the RHI family for the flowers and prayerful support the church offered during my recent medical challenges. I hope all of you will have a blessed Christmas Season and a prosperous New Year!—John D. Butler, Jr.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** RHI is planning a very special Christmas program for **December 19th**. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: actors, builders, hospitality coordinators, set managers, artists, drama coaches, backstage managers, costume managers, set-up and tear down help. Other opportunities are available as well. Please contact Sharon Rea @ (301) 253-0680 or [reasharon@hotmail.com](mailto:reasharon@hotmail.com) or Toni Davis @ [tonidavis09@gmail.com](mailto:tonidavis09@gmail.com) or (301) 830-0190 to find out how you can serve your church this holiday season.

**REACHING HEARTS 4 KIDS** is collecting unwrapped toys and gifts for children at HSC Pediatric Center (formerly Hospital for Sick Children) in Washington, D.C. These are children who are in rehabilitative or transitional care and are not well enough to go home. Please give donations to Geetika Nadkarni or Norma Nashed. We will be delivering them

just before Christmas. They have asked us that we do not give stuffed animals or weapons/violence related toys. Otherwise, donated items should be new, and can be for anywhere from infants to teenagers. Thank you so much!

**FLORIDA CITRUS:** Loving citrus will be offering H&S citrus again this year. If you are interested in Fresh Florida oranges and grapefruits please visit our website at [www.lovingcitrus.com](http://www.lovingcitrus.com) or place your order via email at [sales@lovingcitrus.com](mailto:sales@lovingcitrus.com) or by calling (301) 963-5750. Deadline for ordering is December 13. We will have a variety of citrus available monthly now thru March 2010.—Toni Davis.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish to place an announcement in the bulletin, please contact Dr. John D. Butler, Sr. at (202) 726-2084 or Sylvia Dennis at (301) 441-9396. All announcements **must be received by the Tuesday evening preceding the Sabbath in which they should appear.** **APPROVED INSERTS should be copied and/or cut by the submitting individual and placed in the bulletin.**

► **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Order now! Large poinsettias in 10" pots for the December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas services are \$16 each and need to be taken home after service on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Order deadline is December 13. Contact Toni Davis @ [tonidavis09@gmail.com](mailto:tonidavis09@gmail.com) or (301) 830-0190.

**PRAYER CIRCLE:** Do you have a prayer request? Please contact Kathy Oddono at (703) 821-1539. For emergencies or information concerning those hospitalized or deaths, please call Sylvia Dennis at (301) 441-9396 or Pastor Micah Davis at (301) 717-9556 or Pastor Pratap Gopala Rao at (301) 490-6904 or Head Elder Terry Martin at (202) 332-8929.

**THE TREASURER AND HIS TEAM WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT** if you would clearly print your name and address on the white RHI/Tithe envelope so as to avoid any confusion or errors in the posting of your tithes and offerings.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS:** Reaching Hearts International **does not use tithe money for its ministry.** Unless otherwise indicated tithes will be sent to the Allegheny East Conference. Tithes for other conferences will be forwarded as you designate on your envelope. Your other donations to RHI will be used for our ministry needs.

#### Offerings Received December 5, 2009

General Offering	\$	5,505.75
Reaching Hearts for Kids	\$	570.00
Radio Ministry	\$	353.00
Capital Stewardship	\$	586.00

#### Capital Stewardship/Building Program

Victory Goal	\$	4,500,000.00
Pledges To Date	\$	1,057,000.00
Funds Received as of December 5, 2009	\$	1,352,722.97

**Faith + Good Stewardship + Giving = Abundance**

**"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).**

**CLiC** (Changing Lives in Christ) is a college-based ministry focused not only on the study of the Word, but also in truly carrying out its teachings as part of our Christian walk. We are in the process of finding different ways to use our unique Spiritual gifts to help serve as instruments for Christ. Want to share your gifts for God? We'd love to have you! Check out [www.JustCLiCHere.com](http://www.JustCLiCHere.com) for more information.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER FORMS** are available in the foyer. If you desire to become a member of Reaching Hearts International through transfer or by profession of faith please fill in the form and give it to one of the Deacons or to Sylvia Dennis. Questions? Contact Sylvia Dennis at (301) 441-9396.

**JOIN THE E-GROUP:** *If you haven't joined the e-group you are missing out on all the important announcements about RHI's ministries and other timely and important news.* Every week we send messages about the upcoming worship service. Make sure you stay informed on RHI happenings and are on the e-mail list. You can join by submitting your e-mail address in the sign-up box on [www.reachinghearts.org](http://www.reachinghearts.org).

## Calendar of Events

### Daily—Listen to the Reaching Your Heart Radio Broadcast

10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on WAVA 105.1 FM  
10:00 p.m. XM Satellite Radio on Family Talk Channel 170

### Sabbath, December 12, 2009

Greeters: Sue White and Leslie de León  
Offering Counting Assignment: Team No. 2  
Sabbath Set-Up Team #4: Steve Lord, Leader

### Wednesday, December 16, 2009—Prayer Meeting

7:30 p.m. *Get your mid-week spiritual boost this Wednesday evening with singing, prayer and Bible study! Meet with us at Cedar Ridge Conference Center from 7:30-9:00 p.m. A blessing is in store for you! If you are unable to attend prayer meetings, you can download the studies at [www.prayer-meeting.com](http://www.prayer-meeting.com).*

### Sabbath, December 19, 2009

Greeters: Esther Rea and Abigail Spinolo  
Offering Counting Assignment: Team No. 3  
Sabbath Set-Up Team #1: Kent Franz, Leader  
9:45 a.m. Sabbath School Coordinator: Irene Pandit  
Sabbath School Song Leader: Betty J. Hall  
Sabbath School Pianist: Ortencea Henry  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service Coordinators: Toni and Micah Davis

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal."*

—Phil. 3:13, 14, ASV.