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Greetings from Marlene,

Help others have a Christ-filled Christmas!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

I remember one Christmas that was especially difficult with four small boys. My family was having a personal crisis. I was overwhelmed and barely able to function. One afternoon a friend showed up at my door with a Christmas tree, the stand, lights, homemade decorations, cookies and hot cocoa. She put on some Christmas music and "together" we put up the tree for my family. This very small gift on her part changed my life and reminded me the true meaning of "why" we celebrate Christmas.

The holidays are already difficult for many people and for those who are in crisis or have recently experienced grief and loss, it can be overwhelming. We can help those who are in some form of crisis have a Christ-Filled Christmas. Below are just a few suggestions.

- Bring a meal to the family
- Offer a listening ear and emotional support, even if you don't understand all the specifics
- Pick up groceries,
- Take the children out for a fun activity or babysit
- Mow the lawn, shovel snow or do other housecleaning tasks
- Walk the dog
- Buy gift cards to restaurants
- If one of the family is in the hospital, offer to stay in the hospital room while the family takes a coffee break or goes for a walk.
- Send a card, or an e-greeting via www.carepages.com, a site that connects families and friends during medical challenges
- Help with holiday gift shopping & wrapping
- Bake a tin of cookies
- Bring stockings and wrapped gifts to put in on Christmas Eve
- And of course, offer to pray with and for them... and then do it!
- Follow-up with them after the holidays and offer to help.

God humbled Himself to become one of us, and then He died on purpose to take away the sin of the world. He died in order that we live. What a wonderful Christmas gift. May your heart be filled with friends, families, and Christ this Christmas!

Searching for God's Treasures,
Marlene

It is exciting to hear and see what God is doing in the earth in this hour, and the treasures He has hidden for us to find! May your New Year be filled with His Glory! I will be emailing my tentative itinerary for 2018 in the next few weeks. If you are not on my email list and would like to be please send me your email address or email me at marlene.hoenig@gmail.com. As you are praying for those whom you support please prayerfully consider becoming part of my support team in 2018! All contributions are tax-deductible and are very much appreciated in helping advance God's Kingdom!

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