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FEEDING THE HUNGRY

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Jacel & Karylgy

Cathedral of Praise, under the pastoral leadership of David and Beverley Sumrall, provide weekday feeding programs for needy children. Their daughter, Alisha, tells these stories:

THREE LITTLE GIRLS: THREE BEST FRIENDS

Nine year old Jacel Rose was the first of three girls that we met when we first arrived to distribute food in her neighbourhood in early July. Prior to the serving the meal, we told the children how Jesus loved them and would always be there for them. After leading them in a few fun worship songs and telling them about God's love, we had an altar call. Jacel Rose got saved that day and came to church with her

family to be water baptized that weekend. She started reading the Bible that was given to her. She learned to pray every day and to regularly go to God's house. Jacel was eager to invite her two best friends to come with her and hear about Jesus.

Richelyn accepted Jacel's invitation and attended the feeding program in August. She received a wonderful, hot meal for the day but that is not all that happened. She also gave her life to the Lord and was water baptized. Now her family has a regular Bible Study group in their home each Saturday and they attend church together on Sundays.

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HE CAME!

Key Scripture: **Genesis 2:7**

*“Then the LORD
God formed
a man.”*

The Bible records many births, but of all of the recorded births in the Bible, there are two that stand out from all the rest. What makes these two births stand out is that God Himself is involved. We find them recorded in Genesis 2:7 and Hebrews 10:4-7.

Genesis 2:7: **“Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”**

Hebrews 10:5-7: **“Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.’ Then I said, ‘Here I am - it is written about me in the scroll - I have come to do your will, my God.’”**

What links these two passages together is that the Genesis account witnesses the appearance of the First Adam and Hebrews witnesses the birth of the second and Last Adam. When we take these two passages together we have a complete picture of what God had in mind when He created Man.

Unlike the angels, God specifically created man to occupy a body. From the formation of the first Adam we know that God first prepared a body and then added His breath/spirit for Adam to become a living soul. Likewise in Hebrews

10:5-7 we read that God also prepared a body, then entered into it, and it was this entering in which we call the mystery of the incarnation.

Hebrews 1:5 records the words which God the Father declared on the day His Son was born: **“You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”** In Galatians 4:4 we also read that, **“When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”**

It was at this one and same time when the Child was born that the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6 became fulfilled: **“The Son was given.”** It was to this promised Seed that the Old Testament looked forward to when the prophetic word was given in 2nd Samuel 7:14 **“I will be his father, and he will be my son.”**

There are many mysteries in the world, and as with every mystery we usually ask the same three questions: Who, why and how?

The first question is WHO? Who is this Jesus? He was the God who said in Genesis, “Let us make man in our image.” He was the Word of God in John 1:1 who was with God in the beginning and by whom all created things were created.

From eternity past our Lord had been with God, as God, and it was not until the day when He became enmeshed in our world of space and time that the relationship of “Father to Son” was established. It was at Jesus’ incarnation when He became the God-man and Jesus would say in John 14:28, **“My Father is greater than I”.**

To make it perfectly clear and erase all doubt and confusion, Jesus made this profound statement which is recorded in John 1:18 **“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”**

The second question is WHY? Why did Jesus manifest Himself in a Body? The answer is given in Galatians 4:5: **“So that we might recover our sonship through Him.”**

In order to accomplish this feat, God needed a body. This is precisely why God created man with a body for the express purpose of the incarnation ... so that one day He could redeem mankind. When God created the first Adam, He had expressly in mind to create the perfect vehicle whereby He could one day become the supreme mediator for man with God.

For this very reason, Jesus' reply to the Pharisees who challenged His words, was: **“Since you do not believe what he (Moses) wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”** (John 5:47)

The third question we ask is HOW? How is the incarnation even possible? And the answer is: ***nothing is impossible with God.***

Even Nicodemus, the great teacher of Israel, could not understand the principle of being born again by the Spirit, from above. And so it is for everyone who places their faith in the finished work of Jesus, that God by His Spirit comes to make His residence in us. A mystery so profound and great that one can only understand it by experience, which happens when a person acknowledges that they are a sinner in need of salvation and is placed into a right relationship with a Holy God who is the Creator of heaven and earth.

During these stressful times, when we read about all the evil and wickedness that is abounding in the world it gives us great comfort that God will never abandon His people, and in the fullness of time will re-enter into our world of time and space and call us upward to be removed from this planet before He pours out His judgement upon a rebellious world who

have turned their hearts against the gospel.

In His incarnation Jesus came as man to become our mediator with God, but in His next coming He will come as glorified man wearing a golden crown of glory declaring that He is the KING of all the earth and will dispense judgement upon all the perpetrators of wickedness and evil on the earth who will be cast in the eternal fires of Hell for all their wicked deeds.

Whatever anyone may say for or against the incarnation of Jesus, one thing is very clear: in the fullness of time, the eternal God who created all things, humbled Himself and occupied a body and became man, and to everyone who has placed their faith in His name, they will be saved. One day whether people want to or not, Jesus will be acknowledged as LORD to the glory of the Father, when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus indeed is Lord!

In the meantime, we must continue to pray for the salvation of our loved ones and for God by His Spirit to reveal the truth of the gospel which is the good news for everyone who calls upon the Name of Jesus. Let us never give up trusting and believing for Jesus, our mediator to honour our prayers.

Thank you once again for your faithful partnership in this ministry.

Blessings in Christ,

*Pastor Roman
& Pat Kozak*



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Richelyn



Teaching and leading the children in Praise and Worship before giving them their lunch.

At her friend's invitation, Karylgy came to the feeding program at the beginning of September. Right away Kary accepted the Lord and wanted to be water baptized. When speaking with her we asked if she had any specific prayer requests. She said that she wanted her father to have a job and to come to know Jesus. Every time Kary came for the feeding program we continued to pray with her for her family. On September 14, when we came to give out the food that day, she told us that her father had found a job. Later that day she brought

her father to meet us. That very day he accepted the Lord and the entire family is now attending Bible studies on Saturday and coming to services on Sunday.

Now the three best friends are happy, know the Lord and are attending church together. The feeding program dramatically changed their lives and the lives of their family members forever. Not only are they getting a hot meal every day but they now have hope, knowing who Jesus is in their lives.



INTRODUCING CINDY: SUNDAY LINE FELLOWSHIP CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Cindy is from Cape Town, South Africa. She moved to Canada on a soccer scholarship and is now studying Business Administration at Trinity Western University. She became a Christian at the age of 13 and dedicated her life to living by the Word of God. God has blessed her with a gift of playing sport and she wants to use that to glorify His name. Her goal in life is to help people in any way possible and being able to impact and teach kids is a real blessing and honour for her.