



MERRY CHRISTMAS

LOVE LINK LETTER

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The Gift

Over two thousand years ago God delivered a gift to the world, the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. That gift was given in such a way that people might come to know Him and accept His love for them. That gift continues to be offered to this day, in many ways, and around the world. During the Christmas season special efforts are put forth, millions of them, to remind the people of the world of this priceless gift.

Yesterday, I met with a group of ministers. Two of them shared with us about a special project in their church. They are putting on a dinner theater for two evenings this weekend. A number of people from their church have been involved and much effort has gone into the project. It is designed to capture the attention of the people around the church, and to present to them The Gift.

Last evening a Christmas skit was presented at First Indian Church. It was written, produced and directed by interns and other students from Southern Nazarene University. With considerable effort, and time away from their studies, they had trained the children, put together props, and baked cookies for the party afterward. The skit went off great. The church was packed. Family members who don't ordinarily attend church were there. Gang members, those addicted to alcohol and other drugs, prostitutes, and typical families were able to see a unique presentation of The Gift of God. What an exciting event of the year!



Love Link partners in ministry with a number of churches, agencies, other groups and individuals. We have developed a special partnership with the Choctaw Church of the Nazarene. Under the leadership of Gloria Jones, the Choctaw Church has been providing a special Thanksgiving Dinner and a special Christmas service/dinner/party for the Love Link constituency for several years. Several hundred people attend these events. And what great events they have become! Folks from the Choctaw Church begin gathering gifts and making preparations soon after the Christmas event for Christmas the following year. For days in advance they begin baking pies and preparing other foods. And then, on the day of each event they start coming in, a great host of our friends from the Choctaw Church, and setting up. Our Love Link people follow and fill up the tables, hundreds of them. In the past, a tent was set up outside the First Indian Church for the overflow crowd. This year Gloria is preparing for six hundred people.

Since the crowds have become so large, we have made arrangements to use the Penn Avenue Church facilities at N.W. 10th and Penn,

(continued from page 1) OKC Compassion and Penn Ave Church already partner with Love Link and First Indian Church in many ways. We serve some of the same people. Frequently someone will call me Pastor Bond or call Pastor Bond by the name of Pastor Stark. We have both learned to answer by either name. Perhaps these people don't see us as individuals so much as Christ in us, as we strive to minister together. I hope that is the case. And I am confident that hundreds will once again see Christ in the people of the Choctaw Church as they come to minister this Christmas Season. Once again, The Gift will be presented to needy hearts. The Christmas event will be on **Thursday evening, December 20th**. Pray for it. *#S*



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Thanks to these and all of our faithful and energetic volunteers.



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Thanks to Our Stars!

The following churches collected items for Love Link Ministries' Food Pantry in November!

Hennessey Ch. Of the Nazarene
36 cans of vegetables
They also bring bread donated by Panera for our clients.

Richland Ch. Of the Nazarene
36 cans of vegetables

**Food Pantry
STATS**

November 2007

*423 Families served
128 New Families
313 Children and
169 Senior Adults
served.*

