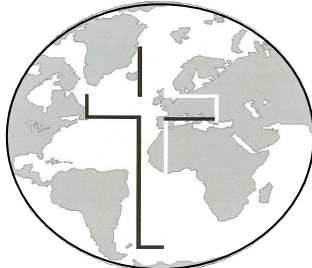


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12 YEARS LATER

(excerpt from Dr. Habib's address during UPIC dinner Oct. 23, 2010)

I stand humbly before you today to celebrate the 12th birthday of United People In Christ. The board members and myself admit that we could not have done what we did without your assistance and prayers. Up to the end of September 2010 your donations have totaled \$287,792. of which we have distributed \$251,828. to our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East and we still have another \$20,000 to distribute before the end of this year. We have kept our administrative costs, as we promised, at 10% or less per year, and for the past 12 years. All of this is done by volunteers whose purpose is only to glorify the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ and to help the people called by his name in need in the Middle East. As you know, the Christians of the Middle East are evaporating. If you are interested in more details, you can go back to our newsletter of December 2008, it is now on our website: unitedpeopleinchrist.org.

Out of 1.8 million Christian Iraqi in 2003, there are now only 400,000 left (as per United Nation). 1.2 million have left with the clothes on their backs and are now scattered all over the world. In Sudan, and since 1990, 4 million have been killed either by the sword or by starvation, another 6 million are refugees in neighboring countries. In Egypt, the burning of churches, kidnapping of teenage Coptic girls and the rioting against the Copts continue on a daily or weekly basis.

DO NOT BE AFRAID. The Lord is fully aware of what is going on. Thousands and millions of people are coming to Christ from the other pen. Two million in Egypt, 70,000 in Saudi Arabia, 10,000 in Morocco, 40,000 in Algier and 6 million per year in Africa. I am not afraid and neither should you, but I will tell you, my spirit is sad from what I see coming to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Iraq, Egypt, Sudan and Lebanon late this year or early next year. Soon they will eradicate the remaining 400,000 Christians left in Iraq, they will do exactly what the Turks did between 1914-1920, leaving only a few thousand Christians in Turkey (0.5%).

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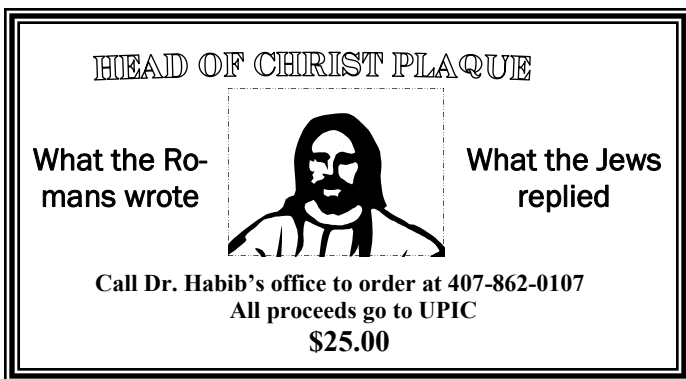
To my brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East, I say. KEEP THE FAITH Do not be afraid of the one who kills the body only, but be afraid of the one who can kill the body and soul and send both to Hell. You are not alone! The Lord is with you, will defend you and will not forsake you. Do not look for help from America, France, England, Russia, United nations or any other country, put your faith only in the Lord Jesus Christ that you carry his name, and only in Him.

To the Christian Arabs or Arabic speaking Christians in this country, I say, keep your faith too, do not think you are safe because you are away from the Middle East, the terrorism that we lived with for the past 2000 years and especially for the past 1400 years, has finally arrived to this country. The terrorists now live with us and among us and wait for the right time and opportunity to show their true nature and to enforce their laws and beliefs on this land. The remaining time left for the Devil is short and he is doing his best to steal, kill and destroy as much as he can.

All of us these days are having difficult economic times, but despite that, I ask you not to forget your brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East, especially in Egypt, Sudan, Iraq and the West Bank, we can't stop or change what is coming to them, but we still can help them. Many of them live on \$1.00 per day per person, I need each and every one of you to donate \$1.00 per day and through the year to help a brother or a sister in Christ still living over there to help make ends meet for a day. Please donate the \$1.00 per day to us that we can send it to them.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year..

Amid Habib, M.D.,F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E



Your Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East, especially in Iraq, Egypt, Sudan and the West Bank, are not only enduring persecution but also a very hard and harsh economical time. This Christmas season, I am asking you to help us in helping them by sending your generous tax deductible donations in the enclosed self-addressed envelope and May the Lord Bless you always.

If your address has changed, if you would like us to correct the spelling of your name, if you would like us to mail our free newsletter to any of your relatives or friends, if you are receiving more than one of this newsletter at the same address, or you want us to remove your name from our mailing list. Please call us, write us or send your note by fax. *We thank you and ask the Lord to bless you always.*

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

THE EARTHLY FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

By Olga Shearer

Joseph was born around 25 - 26 B.C. in Bethlehem. When he was 6 years old his family moved to Nazareth (about 90 miles from Jerusalem). Joseph's father was a carpenter and a builder, a rare and talented profession. He taught Joseph his profession and how to work with wood and stone.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born to a wealthy family. Her parents were elders when her mother conceived. Mary was dedicated to serving the Lord. At the age of 3 years her parents took her to Jerusalem to serve the Lord in the Temple. Mary remained serving the Lord until the age of 13 years., when her parents took her back to Nazareth.

At the age of 17 Joseph started looking for a wife, being a neighbor to Mary's parents, seeing her, Joseph was smitten with such beauty and good manners. Joseph's father asked Mary's father for her hand, and the couple got engaged. He was 18, she was 14 years old.

Marriage in the Jewish custom takes two steps, the engagement, which is considered to be marriage, but not complete. Engagement is a preparation for the real marriage where the bride lives with the groom. Mary was engaged when the Angel appeared to her and told her that she will be pregnant with the Holy Spirit and will bring a child and name him Jesus. She wondered whether she should tell Joseph, but she decided to leave it to the Lord to take care of her. Joseph came one day, carrying a wooden figure, made it himself, as a present to Mary, he saw God's light on her countenance. Joseph said to her, "Mariam, I see a heavenly light on your face, what is the secret?" Mary did not tell him, but she told him that her Aunt Elizabeth is 6 months pregnant with a child, she is happy for her, and would he allow her to visit her and help her Aunt. He trusted Mary and told her that she should go and give aid to her kin. Elizabeth lived in Ayn Karem (spring of Vines) which is about 27 miles from Nazareth. When Elizabeth saw Mary, she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth said to Mary, "Who am I. that the mother of my God came to see me?" Mary remained with Elizabeth until the birth of her son, John the Baptist.

When Mary returned to Nazareth, Joseph looked at her and saw she is with child, he had his doubts and suspicions, although he knew that Mary would not cheat on him. He was thinking of what he should do, should he leave her and that would shame her and disgrace her in the community. The customs then was that when a betrothed woman delivers a child and the man recognizes that the child is his, the child will be accepted, but if the man does not recognize the paternity of the baby, then the woman will be disgraced and more likely will be stoned.

Joseph was puzzled, he went looking in the scripture for an answer to his predicament. He read in Isaiah "a Virgin will deliver a son and will name him Emanuel". He started praying, "Eternal God, I am sad until death and I do not know what to do". He made up his mind to leave her quietly and went to sleep. In his sleep an Angel appeared to him and said "Joseph, don't be afraid, Mary is pregnant with the Holy Spirit, she will deliver a son and will call him Jesus, he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph woke up, he knew Mary's secret. He will not leave her. God had chosen him, a good and just man to be an earthly father to God's son, and to take care of his pure mother. He decided to keep Mary and to give the child a legal name from David's issue. Mary and Joseph were married. Before her time came to deliver, she asked Joseph to take her some place away from the community eyes, speculations and gossip. It was hard to leave with any legitimate reason, so they prayed and asked God for a solution and in the morning they found a good reason to leave.

In the year 6 B.C., a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So, every one went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which was called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was pregnant. While they were there, it happened that the days were completed for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her first born son, and she wrapped him snugly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the Inn. The birth of Jesus was in the spring of 6 B.C. with the birth of the lambs. When Jesus was 8 days

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old they took him to be circumcised and to do their religious duties.

Joseph, Mary and Jesus returned to Bethlehem and Joseph resumed his work as a carpenter. Jesus was almost one year old when he was visited by the Magi who came to worship him. King Herod was threatened by the birth of the King of the Jews, and decided to kill all the males who were born in the last 2 years. An Angel appeared to Joseph and told him to take his wife and her son and go to Egypt and remain there until he tells him to return. The Holy family lived in Egypt for three years in a town called Hileopolis near Alexandria. Other sources say that they stayed in Matarea, 30 miles west of Cairo. When Herod died, the Angel appeared to Joseph and told him to go back to Judia. When Joseph learned that Herod's son was worse than his father, he decided to go and live in Nazareth. Jesus was then 4 years old.

Mary's father, Jochime, was an old man and when he died, her mother Anna asked them to live with her and take what she had, but Mary said to her mother that she will not accept anything from her mother, because they were living humbly and have no needs. Mary's mother gave all her wealth to the poor and lived with Mary and Joseph. Anna played with Jesus and taught him about God and their customs.

Jesus learnt his father's profession and helped him, and as it was the custom, boys at the age of 12, transfer from being children to becoming men. They would be tested in the Temple about their knowledge of the Scripture. When Jesus became 12, as it is customary every year to go to Jerusalem during the Passover, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to the Temple and left him with the teachers and scribes. When the Passover celebration was over, the Nazareth caravan went back to Nazareth. When Mary and Joseph looked for their son, they could not find him, so they went back to Jerusalem and after 3 days found him sitting with the teachers and elders, teaching them and answering their questions. The teachers were impressed by his knowledge and wisdom. Mary asked Jesus, why did he do that to them. Jesus answered her that she should not have worried, adding "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's House".

Jesus returned with them to Nazareth, he obeyed his parents and grew up in stature and wisdom and prepared himself for his Ministry. When Jesus was 18 years of age, Joseph became ill and died at the age of 37, in the arms of Mary and Jesus. Mary was then 33 years old, she lived with Joseph about 20 years. Some believe his grave is in Nazareth and others say it is in Nablus.

Joseph had a great influence on Jesus' teachings, Joseph considered himself the happiest man ever, because God chose him to raise his son and to care for his mother, the Virgin Mary. Joseph was a lucky man, a Just Man, pure and truthful. Joseph was a simple and poor man, but considered himself the richest man in the world.

Joseph's influence on Jesus' teachings were many. The simplicity, the kindness, the poorness, the family life, the sacrifices. Joseph has given up his freedom and independence and his bodily desires, for the sake of being with the Son of God and his mother.

St. Joseph was sanctified, people honor their Dads in his name because he was the best father to Jesus. He was also honored by families who took him as an example, an ideal family man, people asked him to pray for their dead loved ones because he died in the arms of Mary and Jesus. Joseph was a saint to the laborers, he lived a poor life. Laborers were considered a 3rd class citizen in the Jewish society. Remember when the Jews laughed at Jesus and said "isn't this the son of Joseph the Carpenter". He is also considered the Saint of Real Estate since he was a builder.

In Jesus' teachings he used so many examples and parables from his profession. He spoke of the builder who built his house on stone and the foolish and ignorant one that built his house on sand. He also told his followers about destroying the Temple and building it in 3 days.

Many Churches love and respect St. Joseph and name a day after him. Many miracles were attributed to him, he is considered the highest and best Holy Man in the history of Christianity.

THANK YOU!

I am deeply grateful for all our friends who helped support our cause this year.

2010 UPIC Picnic generated \$2,400.00 and the October dinner generated \$3,600.00.

Your donations up to Sept. 30, 2010 totaled \$287,792.00 and we distributed \$251,828.00 to help our needy brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

If you need a copy of our financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 2010, please stop by our office after Jan. 15, 2011 to pick one up or call us to mail or fax one to you.

The real meaning of "MARHABA"

Marhaba is an arabic word used in the middle east as Hello But most people don't know its source

Marhaba comes from (Assyrian) Syriac words, used by the first christians

Mar = Master or God

haba =Love

Marhaba = God is Love

إن كلمة "مرحبا" هي كلمة قديمة ذات أصول آرامية سريانية استخدمها المسيحيون الأوائل (الاشوريين)

وهي ذات شقين

الأول "مار" ومعناه سيد أو رب

والثاني "حبا" (وهي في الأصل حوبو) ومعناها محبة

وهي عبارة تشير إلى كلمات معناها

"الله محبة"

So Marhaba !



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UPIC Picnic and Annual Banquet

The Spring UPIC Picnic

will take place on Sunday, April 4 , 2011 at 1:30 P.M.
at Sanlando Park in Altamonte Springs, Florida.
Please mark your calendar.

The Fall UPIC Banquet

will take place on Saturday, October 22 , 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
The location will be announced later.
Please mark your calendar.

All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds will go to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.