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Dear Friends,

Well, the holiday season is upon us again, with it comes long shopping lines and endless Christmas lists. It's a time for giving and receiving. It's a time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and also a time to look to the New Year.

In the midst of this holiday season, I would like to reflect on some of the things God has done over the past few months. As you may know, I spent this past summer in South Lake Tahoe. Through Campus Crusade for Christ, I received training in leadership and evangelism, which was designed to help me make an impact for Christ on campus.

Over the past few months, God has given me the opportunity to use the things I learned over the summer. By leading a Bible study and sharing my faith regularly, God has used me to influence other students for Him.

Recently, a friend and I had the opportunity to share Christ with a Vietnamese student named Lap. Although Lap had never heard of Jesus Christ, he believed that only people who are children of God could make it to heaven. Oddly enough, Lap didn't know how to become a child of God.

*"But as many as received him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12

Lap became enthusiastic upon hearing this and he replied, "How do I receive?" I went on to explain the gospel to Lap through a 4-point outline called The Four Spiritual Laws. Lap eagerly wanted to receive Christ. Just as we were about to pray together, an angry looking woman interrupted us and told us how it upset her to see us talking with Lap. She then warned Lap about Christianity, claiming, "It took me a long time to get over it." After she left we asked Lap if he understood what she meant. We told him that accepting Christ involved a change in lifestyle, a real commitment. In his best English, Lap said, "Yes, yes. I understand. I want to receive Christ."

Lap has been living in Southern California for 5 years, and he still had never heard about Jesus Christ until we talked with him. It makes me wonder about people in other parts of the world and even those in our own community. Have they ever heard of Jesus Christ? How long will it be before they hear the gospel? '

Yes, the holiday season is upon us again. It's a time of giving. This is represented in God's ultimate gift - salvation through Jesus Christ, His only Son. It's also a time of receiving. This can be represented by man taking the initiative to share Christ with others, thus giving others the opportunity to receive God's ultimate gift forever. This is the goal of Campus Crusade for Christ, to share Christ with others and make disciples of all nations, Matt 28: 18—20.

Have a merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Yours in Christ,



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