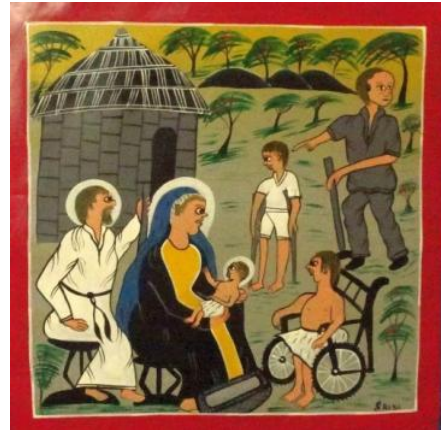


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What does Christmas mean for you and your family?



A few words from the 1999 Christmas sermon of Bishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa

“Stevie Wonder used to have a hit that said, “I just called to say I love you.” In Jesus’ birth it is as if God were saying to you, and to you, and to you, and to me, “I just called to say I love you. You are special to me; you are precious.”

Through this Christmas event, God was saying too, “I am a biased God, a God who takes sides. I am biased in favour of the weak, of the vulnerable, of the voiceless. I am biased in favour of the sinner so that in my heaven, there is not just joy, but greater joy over one sinner who repents, than over 99 needing no repentance. I have a soft spot for the despised, the ostracized.”

It was these who were to become his friends, the prostitutes, the tax collectors, the scum of society. It was about these that he could say, so remarkably, “In as much as you have done it to the least of these, my sisters and my brothers, you have done it to me.”

I wish you and your families a happy and blessed Christmas. Thank you for reaching out to the weak, the vulnerable and the voiceless” in your communities! Notice how the African village in the second picture above has already planted and cared for some trees!

Keith