Dear Friends of CMF,

When Jesus came into the world, He was delivered in doubtless the worst place for the delivery of an infant, which anyone who understands cleanliness and necessary sterility can envisage.

The majority of people in our age are unaware of the huge death rates occasioned in the Middle Ages by what was termed "puerperal sepsis". Physicians and midwives delivering babies were unaware that they, as obstetricians, often were the primary factors in the spread of deadly infection. Open wounds in barns have always been subject to tetanus infection and gas gangrene as well as streptococcal and staphylococcal infection. This was the kind of situation which precious Mary, a primipara, found herself as Jesus was born.

Since Jesus was from time eternal, even prior to creation coexistent with God, He as the incarnate Elohim in Mary’s womb was "conceived" of the Holy Ghost. Thus, every created form of life was totally obedient unto Him within and without the womb of the blessed virgin. No result of pathogenicity was possible since the God of all life and beneficence removed from the germs and viruses their evil potential.

In contemplation of this truth, it suddenly becomes clear that Jesus at this very moment retains His omnipotence and His absolute and total goodness and mercy. How wonderful for the hopeless cancer patient, the young man dying of aids, the expiring person with whatever fatal diagnosis, to suddenly know that the Lord and giver of life is present and available if we only would call upon Him despite all our human sins and spiritual blindness. The Omnipotent One allowed to rest upon Himself all sin, sickness, despair and death on Calvary’s cross so that the dying sinful man can come to Him sinless for hope and life. Yes, He is the same, yesterday at His birth, today in my moment of need, and forever!!!

Hallelujah, Jesus Christ the Lord of hope and life is born! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward mankind.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

For to us a Child is born, To us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder, And His name will be called - Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

And the Word became flesh And dwelt among us Full of grace and truth; We have beheld His glory, Glory as of the only Son From the Father. John 1:14

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS

By William Standish Reed, M.D., M.S.

My earliest memories of Christmas have to do with our happy home in Port Huron, Michigan, my large grandparent’s home nearby, our family Scottish Presbyterian Church, and our very large and joyous family, all who lived nearby.

The great Reed house was a very beautiful Victorian mansion, which was the home of great-grandparents, Canadian by birth and both involved in Medicine. Great-grandfather was an eclectic practitioner who took special medical studies in Cincinnati at the time of the Civil War prior to settling in Port Huron. At Christmas we were allowed to enter a fabulous library full of fascinating volumes which held an awesome curiosity especially to my brother and to me.

Prior to Christmas, there were many family gatherings with singing and wonderful holiday meals. There were prayers and times of great thanksgiving for health and joyous harmony. As children we were aware of the great gift of God’s love toward all of us and especially the most wondrous gift of the baby Jesus and His beloved mother, Mary. There were also parties at church and the migration of various singers throughout the city singing Christmas carols.

As we grew older we began playing various instruments which we played especially at grandfather’s house and in our Sunday school orchestra. Christmas was always a time of singing and happiness. Stockings were hung by the fireplace, and trees cut from the nearby forest were decorated with lights and most interesting ornaments, which had been handed down from generation to generation.

On Christmas morning we awoke early to go to the living room fireplace area where we found gifts of fruit, clothing, and on one occasion a red bicycle. Even as the depression time came about and the economy suffered, we were never forgotten, nor did we neglect to share with neighbors who were less fortunate.

Throughout our little city, the churches were full and there was a great unity of God’s love in everyone. The Jewish Synagogue was very near our home and it always seemed that they loved Christmas and its festivities as much as we did. It was a splendid time of true Americanism in which no one was neglected. Christmas was a time of prayer and particularly of thanksgiving. There were no distractions, making it obvious that Christmas was God’s special time, a time of brotherly love and affection.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.
730 W. Emma, Tampa, FL 33603
P. O. Box 152136, Tampa, FL 33684

December 2000

Change Service Requested

[ ] Address Change
Make changes on label at right

[ ] I wish to have my name removed from mail list

E-mail CMFINTL@aol.com
Website CMFINTL.ORG
Telephone (813) 932-3698
Fax (813) 237-1604