



Merry Christmas!

Did you ever think that simply saying "Merry Christmas" could be deemed as offensive? Or even labeled as hate speech? Times have certainly changed - and not necessarily for the better. Yet, through it all, there is a definite peace about the earth. Much like the blanket of new fallen snow that silently covers my backyard, so too the world is silent. Something is stirring... Something is happening...

Christ is near, and nothing else matters.

[Continue the Christmas Reflection Here](#)

Guest Article

My wife and I went on a mission trip as guests of [Renewal Ministries](#) at the end of 2019 and to say it was memorable would not do it justice. My wonderful wife was so deeply touched by the experience and decided to put pen to paper and detail the experience. The article was picked up and published by the periodical [The Word Among Us](#) and was very well received. Her article follows below.



The Boy in the Blanket

God's Love Found Its Way Into My Brokenness

By: Leslie Kowalski

You wouldn't call my childhood the happiest one a person could have. Growing up in a tiny, run-down house as the tenth of twelve children—with parents who struggled with mental health issues—I certainly learned about the fear of God. But I didn't know how much God loved me. We were very poor, and we rarely had enough food. My father would sometimes shoot squirrels from out of the bathroom window so that we could eat, and other days we would crawl through grocery store dumpsters looking for food. We didn't have any blankets, so in the winter we put our legs through the sleeves of moth-eaten coats.

It was a hard life, but things began to change when, at twelve years old, I started babysitting for my oldest sister. She and her husband were Catholic, and I would attend Mass with the family. I could feel the presence of God in that church. My faith kept growing through marriage, the loss of a child, my first husband's suicide, and my remarriage a few years later. In my later years, I became involved in many ministries. For a long time, in fact, I ministered to other people's needs, but I still could not sense God's love in my heart. Shame over my upbringing and my struggles kept me from reaching out and asking for his help.

Then came the mission trip...

[Read the Rest of the Story Here](#)

Join This Month's Virtual Healing Prayer Session

Each month we offer an open healing session to the public and each month it has grown both in size and in fruit (last month a woman was healed of her hearing loss!)

Experience prayer, teaching, and community **Sunday, December 21st 5 PM (EDT)**. Whether you're seeking healing, renewal, or simply want to witness God's power in action...you're invited!

This month I am proud to host Fr. Michael Kmiotek!

Fr. Michael is a priest of [Franciscan Friars of the Renewal](#) and the regional superior at the [St Fidelis Friary](#) in London, England. He's been a priest for over 20 years and associated with the Franciscan friars for 35. He's been involved with various healing and deliverance ministries around the world and in particular with ecumenical communities like Encounter Ministries, Healing, Transitions and Bereavement Ministries and Bethel Church.



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Glory Stories

Each month, I love to share Glory Stories (testimonies) of how God is healing, restoring, and answering prayer.

Leg Healed - Bari. Italy/Healed Over the Phone

“My 21-year-old son was diagnosed with Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease when he was just 3 years old. For most of his life, he lived with a leg length discrepancy and required a lift in his shoe to walk. He couldn’t run, play, exercise, or even walk for more than a few minutes at a time without pain or fatigue. I’m still in shock and awe as I write this — the distant healing (done over the phone) happened just a few hours ago. During the session, he felt a distinct “crack” in his leg... and then the leg grew longer. Immediately afterward, he wanted to go outside and run — without the lift. I can’t remember the last time I saw him run! We are filled with deep humility and overwhelming gratitude to the Lord for this miracle. Truly, nothing is impossible for God.”

No more nightmares - Michigan, USA/Healed in Person

“I need to tell you that my nightmares seem to be totally gone as of right now, since you prayed for my friend and I! I have had peaceful and relaxing sleep since then and sadly, that is so unusual, as nightmares have been a regular part of my life since I don’t even know when. This is huge.”

Hip replacement? No thanks I'll pass - Pennsylvania, USA, Healed over The Internet

“I reached out to John because my hip was hurting for several months. This stemmed from either having worn a duty belt when I was a deputy for several years or from chasing around a 2 year old. At 30 years old, I would joke to my husband that I would need an early hip replacement. John prayed for me and the pain vanished as though a switch was flipped. Now my hip feels 100% and John mentioned my leg may have been shorter than the other and I must say, I think he was right! I go on my tip toes and my leg feels as though it has grown. Very hard to explain but God is great and God is good and He certainly works miracles! It was such a humbling experience and I pray John continues to help others! Truly doing the Lord’s work. Thank you Jesus!!!”

Do you have a Glory Story to share?

[Share your glory story](#)

Do you have a Glory Story to tell?

Your testimony may be exactly what someone else needs to hear. Sharing how God is moving in your life can bring others to Christ.

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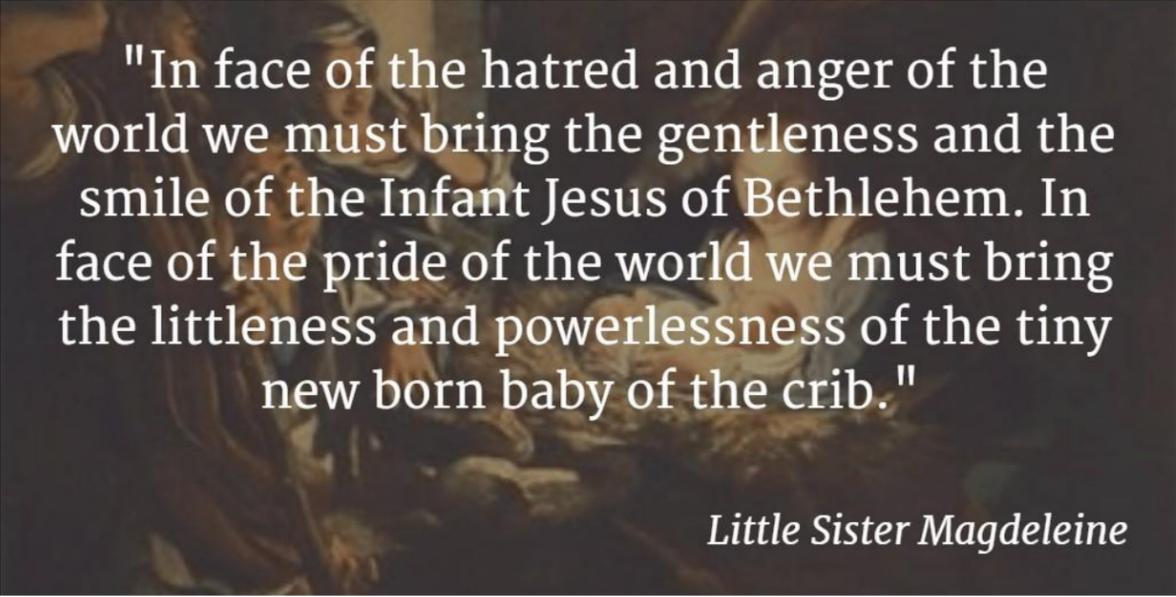
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And finally...



"In face of the hatred and anger of the world we must bring the gentleness and the smile of the Infant Jesus of Bethlehem. In face of the pride of the world we must bring the littleness and powerlessness of the tiny new born baby of the crib."

Little Sister Magdeleine

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