

Strikepoints

Music from the Heart

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Every Sunday, Zanna would sit by the window of her apartment building in northern Poland and listen to the songs coming from the evangelical church next door. There was something special about the praise choruses and hymns she heard. She longed to meet the people who sung so beautifully about God. All she could do was wish, though. Many people in her community mistakenly considered that church a cult, and her family thought visiting there might be a sin. Besides that, Zanna was partially paralyzed, and it was difficult to get her

wheelchair down three flights of stairs from their apartment. Then one day, people from the church came over to invite Zanna and her family to a special service. They wanted to distribute shoe box gifts from Operation Christmas Child to handicapped children in the community—children who were often shunned or ignored by others. The friendly invitation overcame her parents' fears, and

they accepted. On the day of the distribution, Zanna's family received a warm greeting at the church. There was something special about these Christians. They were just as joyful and loving as their music. Zanna was overwhelmed by love—the love of the people in the church, the love of the strangers who sent the gifts, and the love of the God they served. When the pastor shared the Gospel, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. Zanna was excited to receive her shoe box gift, but nothing could compare with the real gift she received that day—God's gift of eternal life through Christ.

This story was taken from the Operation Christmas Child 2003 Report.

Sarah

BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 5:19-20

¹⁹Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of the Month— “O Come All Ye Faithful”

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.



December Birthdays

Martha Jacobs	December 5	Jack Kramer	December 12
Stephanie Moe	December 7	Milton Sheffield	December 15
Haeley Baker	December 10	Katie Puckett	December 18
Katherine Huggins	December 30		



Web Site of the Month

Cast of Bronze of Dallas, TX
www.castofbronze.com

Celebration Ringers / Chimes of Joy Rehearsal Schedule

- December 12 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM (due to the Children's Program)
- December 19 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM
- December 24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service—4:30 call
- December 26 NO REHEARSAL



Echoes of Faith Rehearsal Schedule

- December 12 PRELUDE in Church
- December 12 NO REHEARSAL

December 2004						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Resound Rehearsal Schedule

- December 12 Rehearsal at 12:30 PM
- December 19 Prelude in Church

January 2005						
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Upcoming Events

ECHOES OF FAITH

Sunday, December 12, 2004
Anthem for 9:30 & 11:00—"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"

RESOUND

Sunday, December 19, 2004
Prelude for 11:00 Service

CELEBRATION RINGERS

CHIMES OF JOY
5:00 Christmas Eve Service

**Merry
Christmas!**

