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Nothing is Impossible with God!

Dear Friends,

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As a young boy, I remember our church would have a Christmas program each year and the children would have a special part in the Christmas play. Weeks before the big event was to happen our Sunday School teachers would help us practice our lines while others would be involved in preparing the backdrops for the night of the Christmas program. Eventually the night would come and we all knew that it was time for us to do our part so that the Christmas story would be shared for all to hear. I am sure that many people did not have a full understanding of all that had happened to help the Christmas play come off without a hitch and I am sure that there were many times when our Sunday School teachers must have thought there is no way this is going to happen.

The other day I was reading the Christmas story from the gospels of Matthew and Luke and began to take note of all that God did to prepare everyone for the event that was about to take place and change history on that special night that we celebrate as Christmas. How essential it was that the most important event in history would happen just as God had planned. He sent an angel ahead of the event to talk to Joseph in a dream to prepare him for what was about to happen. He sent the angel Gabriel to talk to Mary to prepare her for what God was going to do. He guided the wise men with a star while He sent the angel of the Lord and then a whole host of angels to talk to the shepherds to tell them what was about to happen and where they would find Mary, Joseph and the baby. After Jesus was born and there was a threat on His life from King Herod, He told the wise men in a dream to go home another way.

One of the verses that jumped out at me as I read the Christmas story again, that is not often heard when we tell the Christmas story, was a statement made to Mary by the angel when she was told about her relative Elizabeth who was also going to have a baby even though she was quite old. It happens to be the last thing the angel said to Mary,

"Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

I am not sure how God has been working in your family story but I am confident that **He is working** and that He is doing many different things behind the scenes in the lives of all those involved that He might be glorified when the whole story is revealed. As we approach the Christmas season I know that in many families there are situations that might seem impossible and out of control, but we must remember that God is always in control of the situation and at work behind the scenes in the lives of those we love and that

"Nothing is impossible with God."

One other thing that I noticed in the Christmas story is that whenever God talked to those involved, whether in a dream or through an angel, they believed and did as they were instructed to do even if the circumstances were hard for them to understand or did not make sense, humanly speaking. I believe that each of us must be willing to do whatever God asks us to according to His Word and the prompting of the Holy Spirit. If we would just do what

God is asking us to do we might be surprised what
God might do in the coming year.

God has called us to reach children for Christ and we have had many opportunities to do just that through the 5-Day Clubs, **Club DJ**, Mailbox Club lessons, and the David and Jonathan program. We have had hundreds of children make decisions for Christ this year through every area of this ministry. We have witnessed families who at one time attended church and left, return through the new-found faith they saw in their children. **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

We have watched 3 children in one family make decisions for Christ and then see their father drawn to church, not just for Sunday morning service but also Sunday School, in search of answers for their family. **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

Report after report comes in of children who attend **Club DJ** coming from broken homes hearing about Jesus for the first time. The other day I received an email from one of the churches running **Club DJ** sharing with us just one of these situations:

These children are so needy - even the ones that come from "good" families. I was asking the new kids their names and ages, etc. The little girl in Grade 4 gave me her name and age. I turned and asked her little brother what his name was - he was very shy and didn't speak up well, so she spelled it for me. I repeated the name and added her last name, but she said, "No, his last name is different because he has a different father". The mother just smiled quietly when I had to cross out the other last name - I smiled at the time, but my heart was breaking. So many of our kids are in that same situation. I love them all, but it is so hard to think about.....So, thanks again, Jerry, for **Club DJ**.

God is able to reach these children and give us the opportunity to teach them the things of God and disciple them to make choices that are pleasing to Him and then change the direction of their family tree for eternity. **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

In closing it is almost overwhelming when I look across our province and see so many communities where there is no gospel witness left. We are asking God to open up hundreds of more opportunities to reach the children in these communities through the 5-Day Clubs. **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

We are praying for many more churches who will host **Club DJ** to provide an opportunity for the children to tap into a Bible-believing church in their community, so that the children in these communities who have not heard about Jesus yet will have an opportunity to hear. **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

Once again this Christmas we are sending out our Christmas mailing to the 1,000's of children who have been reached through these ministries to encourage them in the things of God. Please continue to pray for God's provision for the finances for this ministry as we end this year's ministry and press forward to what God is asking us to do in the future. **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

I want to thank each one of you for your part in this ministry to children. It is a blessing to work together to reach the children of this province for Christ. On behalf of everyone here at Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan, we would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas as you celebrate this Christmas season with your family and friends, remembering that **"Nothing is impossible with God!"**

For the sake of the children,



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