



Christmas Greetings from Bethlehem

Dear Friends,

In few days, we are celebrating Christmas. It is something special to celebrate Christmas on the spot where Christianity started more than two thousand years ago, in the same area where the Angels of the Lord gave the good news to the Shepherds that a king was born.

Now and after more than two thousands years after our Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, Christianity in its homeland, is in trouble. The biggest challenge facing us as Palestinian Christians is the immigration. We are feeling that we are forgotten from our brothers and sisters who believe with us in Jesus Christ all over the world. If people talk about the situation in Israel/Palestine, they talk about Jews and Muslims and they forget or maybe some don't know that there are Christians who are living here since two thousands years and remain until today a witness for Jesus Christ.

We are living in a very complicated political situation, which affects our daily life as Palestinians and force people especially Christians to immigrate. In the last month only, more than twenty five families from Bethlehem area left the country to look for a better future. It will be sad to see Bethlehem without Christians and it will be sad also to see the churches of the city as small museums full of dead stones.

Jesus said to his Disciples: "you are the salt of the earth". Jesus was talking to a small minority, but this minority changed the world and I believe that this is our role as Palestinian Christians to stay a witness for Jesus Christ especially in this very difficult and critical time.

We wish you a Blessing Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please pray with us for Peace and Justice in the Land of the Bible.

Yours in Christ

Daoud Nassar and Family.