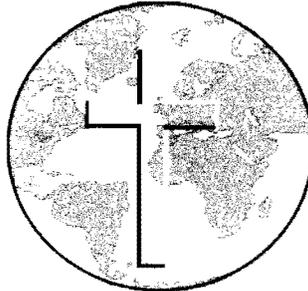


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## HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH

**Luke 1:32**

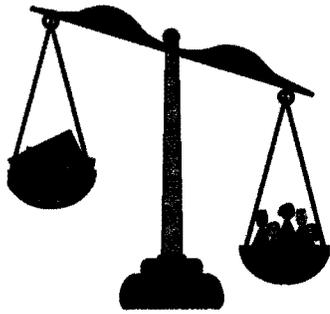
Called the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the most high, not because he is less than God but because he comes from the spirit of God. Called the Son of Man because he was born from a virgin who did not know a man, stated by Isaiah "the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, God with Us". (Isaiah 7:3). And this is exactly what happened when the angel of the Lord came to Mary and told her that you will be with child and give birth to a son. She asked, "how will this be? Since I know no man." The angel answered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you. So, the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:34-35).

This is the one the prophet Daniel saw and wrote "in my vision at night, I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the ancient of days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power, all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed". (Daniel 7:13-14) This is the one the three young boys saw after they refused to bow to the statue that Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon made. Nebuchadnezzar became furious, he ordered the fire furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. He ordered his soldiers to tie the three men and threw them into the blazing furnace. "Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, "weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "certainly oh King". He said, "look, I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like the Son of the Gods". (Daniel 3:24-25).

This is the one Isaiah wrote "for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called wonderful, counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:6). This is the one David wrote about in his second Psalm, "kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him". (Psalm 2:12). This is the one Agur asked about in the Book of Proverbs "who has gone up to heaven and came down? Who had gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the water in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the Earth? What is his name, and the name of his Son? Tell me if you know" (Proverbs 30:3-4). This is the one Micah, the prophet wrote that "whose origins are from old, from ancient times.. ( Micah 5:2). This is the one who told the Jews "before Abraham was born, I am". (John 8:59). This is the one John wrote, "the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his Glory, the Glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). And in another place wrote, "for just as the Father rises the dead and gives them life, evens so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son. That all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son, does not honor the Father, who sent him". (John 5:21-

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# WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH YOUR MONEY?



Since its inception, 8 years ago in November 1998, United People in Christ have collected \$164,030.62 and distributed \$148,088.50 of it so far to our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. Experts say that the way to tell whether a charity is a good one or not, is to look at the amount of contributions that go to Administrative expenses, and the commitment of the Board of Directors. For the past 8 year, we continue to spend less that 10% on Administrative expenses.

**Your total donations for 2006 to date have totaled \$27,011.00.**

## The distribution of funds in 2006 were as follows:

### EGYPT:

\$6,000.00  
\$1,000.00  
\$7,000.00

Coptic Care  
Bishop Tadros for poor and needy Christians of Port Saied

### IRAQ:

\$6,000.00

Christian Iraqi refugees

### ISRAEL:

\$2,000.00  
\$1000.00  
\$3,000.00

Jerusalem Orthodox Church  
Shepherd's Field Evangelical Church

### LEBANON:

\$4,000.00  
\$2,000.00  
\$6,000.00

Oxilia of Lebanon  
Several charities caring for the poor & needy

### PALESTINE:

\$3,000.00

Via The Bethlehem Association to the poor & needy Christians in Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour

### SUDAN:

\$3,000.00  
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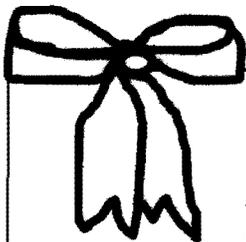
Via the Voice of the Martyrs  
Shekinah Fellowship and World Vision

### SYRIA:

\$6,000.00  
  
\$1,000.00  
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\$8,000.00

Via St. Vincent DePaul in Damascus to be distributed to 25 families  
@ \$20.00 per family for 1 year  
St. Vincent DePaul in Aleppo  
St. Vincent DePaul in Hasake

**TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2006 WERE \$36,500.00**



**This Christmas,  
we need your help!**

*Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope and send your Tax-deductible donation, not to help us, but to help your needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.*

*What better way to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas, than to help a needy Christian you do not even know.*

**A Very Special Thank You!**

**Esther Phelps** has contributed \$12,000.00 to UPIC in 2006.

May the Lord bless you abundantly and give you 1000 times what you have given us.

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23). This is the one Paul, the apostle wrote in his letter to the Philippians, " who, being in very nature God, did not consider quality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death in a cross. Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gives him the name that is above every name, that is the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven, and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:6-11) and in his letter to the Hebrews, he writes, "In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the Prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by this Son, who he appointed higher of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the majesty in heaven" (Hebrew 1:1-3). And this is the one he spoke of in his first letter to Timothy, "beyond all questions, the mystery of Godliness is great, He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nation, was believed on in the World, was taken up in Glory". (Timothy 1:3-16). This is the one we believe in and by him, we are saved. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved". (Acts 4:12).

**Wishing each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and very happy and prosperous 2007.**

Amid Habib, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

الناصرية : اسم عبري ربما كان معناه «القضيبة»  
او «الحارسة» او «المحروسة» او «المحبوسة» . ذكرت  
الناصرية في مت ٢ : ٢٣ ولوقا ١ : ٢٦ ، وهي مدينة في  
الجليل (مر ١ : ٩) ، اي في الجزء الشمالي من  
فلسطين . وهي تقوم على جبل مرتفع (لوقا ٤ : ٢٩) ،  
ويرى منها جبل الشيخ والكرمل وطابور ومرج بن  
عاسر ، وتبعد اربعة عشر ميلاً الى الغرب من بحيرة طبريا ،  
وتسعة عشر ميلاً شرقي عكا ، وستة وثمانين ميلاً الى  
الشمال من القدس ، وكانت على الحافة الشمالية من  
مرج بن عاسر وهي ذات حجارة بيضاء ، وتحيط  
بها كروم التين والنب والزيتون . ولم تكن الناصرة  
ذات اهمية في الازمنة القديمة ، لذلك لم يرد لها اي ذكر  
في العهد القديم ، ولا كتب يوسيفوس ولا الوثائق المصرية  
والاشورية والحثية والارامية والفينيقية السابقة للميلاد .  
واول ما ذكرت في الانجيل . وكانت حتى ذلك الحين  
محتقرة (يو ١ : ٤٦) . وقد ذكرها العهد الجديد  
تسماً وعشرين مرة . فقد كانت مسقط رأس يوسف  
ومريم (لوقا ٢ : ٣٩) . وفيها ظهر الملاك لمريم يبشرها  
بان ستكون ام المسيح (لوقا ١ : ٢٦) . واليه عادت

مريم مع خطيبها من مصر (مت ٢ : ٢٣) . وفيها  
نشأ المسيح وتروع (لوقا ٤ : ١٦) وصرف القسم الاكبر  
من الثلاثين سنة الاولى من حياته (لوقا ٣ : ٢٣ ومر ١ :  
٩) . ولذلك لقب يسوع الناصري ، نسبة اليها (مت  
٢١ : ١١ ومر ١ : ٢٤) ولذلك ايضاً لقب تلاميذه  
بالناصريين . وكان يسوع ينمو فيها بالحكمة والقامة  
والنعمة عند الله والناس (لوقا ٢ : ٥٢) . ولكنه ما  
ان بدأ رسالته حتى رفضه اهلها مرتين (لوقا ٤ : ٢٨ -  
٣١ ومت ٤ : ١٣ و١٣ : ٥٤ - ٥٨ ومر ٦ : ١ - ٦) .  
وتشتهر الناصرة بانها اكبر مدن منطقة الجليل ،  
وفيها عدد كبير من الاديرة والكنائس . اشهر ما  
فيها دير الفرانسيسكان . وفيها ايضاً عدة مواقع  
تاريخية ، منها العين التي كانت العذراء تتردد عليها ،  
والموضع الذي فيه اتتها البشارة ، وتسمى اليوم كنيسة  
البشارة ، وبالقرب منها ، على حافة الجبل المطل على مرج  
بن عاسر ، وقرب الكنيسة المارونية ، الموضع الذي عنده  
اراد اهل الناصرة ان يطرحوا يسوع الى اسفل .

من كتاب الكتاب المقدس