

BOXING UP BACKPACKS

We had a great group of helpers on Monday before Thanksgiving, boxing up nearly 710 Backpacks to add to the 290 already boxed and delivered to the warehouse in Hamburg, Arkansas. These Backpacks, along with other items being shipped to the Philippines, will ship on December 19.



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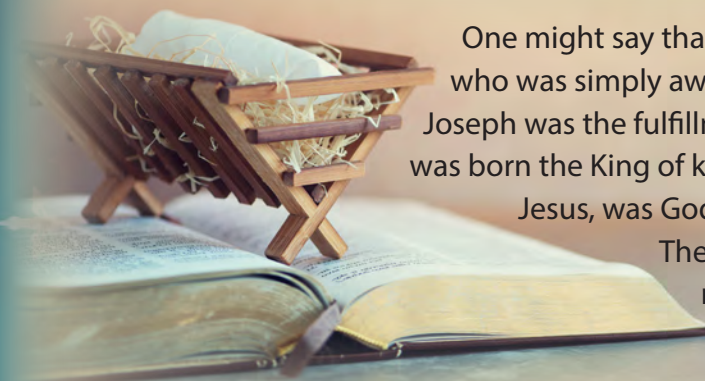
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Awesome Intervention Brings Adorable Reaction



One might say that every new-born baby is adorable, but there was one who was simply awesome. That is because the baby born to Mary and Joseph was the fulfillment of so many awesome promises of God. This child was born the King of kings, the light of the world. This child, whose name was Jesus, was God's awesome intervention in the lives of people on earth.

The birth of no other child has brought such contrasting reaction. How did those for whom He was sent to bring redemption from total disaster react?

Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, reacted with joy. Yet unborn John reacted by leaping in his mother's womb. When His parents brought baby Jesus into the temple to present Him to the Lord, one man's joy caused him to declare that he could now die in peace for he had seen, with his own eyes, the Lord's salvation. A lady named Anna declared that He was the answer to everyone's prayer for redemption. Three kings traveled a great distance to bring expensive gifts for this awesome child who would be the King. Indeed, one might say the whole world rejoiced with great gladness at God's intervention in the affairs of sinful man. But some people's reaction showed the need for God's intervention.

It seems inconceivable that the Roman king sought to have all boy babies' lives snuffed out for fear of the newborn King of the Jews. Who would have thought that the religious leaders of the Jews would react with hatred, and utter rejection of the Redeemer? How could His own followers, at His trial, forsake Him and flee? Later, the society itself reacted with wave after wave of persecution of those who followed the God of truth, the Lamb of God, the great Redeemer! Today's world is no different. Some people react to the news of the Redeemer with exceeding joy, turning to Him for forgiveness of sins. Others react with hatred and contempt, refusing to acknowledge their own sins, choosing rather to establish their own righteousness—even believing they are gods to themselves with the ability to create their own moral standards.

It is those who react with fear and faith, like the shepherds who hurried to see this awesome intervention of God, who will find real joy in life. It is they who will live in joyous faith and die knowing they have seen the Lord's salvation. Indeed, this adorable child was the awesome intervention of God to bring about the redemption of His beloved creation!

— Bill Johnson



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