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My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

It's the Christmas season. Many things and activities keep us occupied these days. We are busy producing holiday radio specials, sermons, and articles. We are participating in the festive TV shows as guests and co-hosts. We are assisting the local churches in Russia and Ukraine with their Christmas outreach to non-believers.

A holiday rush is real in a full-time ministry, just like anywhere else. That's why every year I encourage myself and everyone around me to find time in this "busy-ness" to reflect on the Lord's incarnation.

The Holy Scripture tells us that our Almighty God enters this cruel world as a vulnerable child. He looks helpless but he is here to save us with his love, to reassure us of God's grace, to give us the firm hope. This newborn child is weak, but his Heavenly Father is strong. Christmas is not simply a story of a delivery in less than perfect circumstances. It's a story of our deliverance carried out by God in the midst of our broken world.



There's a stark contrast between human weakness and God's strength. But in the newborn Jesus, God is miraculously bridging this gap. That is the source of my hope.

BTGMI is a wonderful ministry. But let's face it – as compared to many commercial and political media outlets, we are weak, our resources are limited. Yet our voice becomes so strong when we are proclaiming God's Word, faithfully and humbly. This Gospel message has an impact on human souls in a very real way. His power and glory are reflected in many testimonies that we are receiving from our growing audiences worldwide.

Just a few days ago I learned of an 18-year old girl by the name Yulia who saw some of our videos online. She then attended our Advent gathering near Kiev, Ukraine. There, Yulia was so affected by the Christmas story, she was literally moved to tears. After the event was over, she approached a Russian ministry staff member to wholeheartedly thank BTGMI for our outreach. She shared how our Gospel proclamation turned out to be a direct and timely response to her intense inner search and anguish.

Yes, we are weak. But His is strong! And the Christmas story is the best confirmation that this all-powerful God is with us.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your many Christmas greetings, prayers, and generous support. May you have a blessed Christmas and a happy new year!

Yours in His mercy,



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