

To Our New Friend,

I apologize this letter being on such short notice, given Christmas is just around the corner and also we are not acquainted. I was hoping with your help that I might be able to offer my family an alternative Christmas scenario this year, away from what they have been so accustomed to for so many years. It's to the point where with each passing year the guilt weighs heavier and heavier on my heart because I can see them being more and more distant from the true meaning of Christmas. As much as I love to give them everything they want for Christmas along with the entire setting (Santa, tree w/ gifts, stockings, cooking and milk, decorations, Christmas songs & carols, etc...) it has taken its toll seeing all of it has always fallen on my every year. It's always like pulling teeth to see to it my wife participates, as early on she got too comfortable doing nothing more than waking up Christmas morning to collect her gifts, and afterwards gripe about what's wrong with them. This I let her get away with. Because she worked, but that was many years ago, yet still. The children simply followed suit, and despite my teachings, the importance of giving, what it all means, and how good it feels. They are catholic school children as well, so they are very aware that the birth of Christ who later grew up to die for are sins, as this should be our focus, and this alone is what we should be grateful for. It saddens me to see their focus though is solely on themselves, what they feel their entitled to/deserve, and God forbid one of them gets a sliver more than the other. When they were little, I expect this some, buy they're not so little anymore, and I'm starting to get worried, considering 1 of 4 is already out of the house, and I don't want to miss my change to make an impact while I still can. I feel they would benefit greatly if they had a dose of life outside of their bubble, and seen that all Christmas's are not the same, and for some, just getting to eat is a Merry Christmas for many including kids their own age. If they could help assist in feeding those less fortunate like yourself and then see how grateful they can be for something as simple, I really feel it can make all the difference, and it can go both ways where I know my kids to have that special charisma about themselves which has proven to be the kind of positive influence that shines most at perfect times when and where it is usually most needed. I would be volunteering all of us, myself included, along with my wife of 13yrs., my daughter Ashleey 15, and my two sons Oswald 13, and Apple 10. All my kids are honor students, Christopher above honors with straight A's, his lowest grade being a 97%, as well as he the top of his class, and maintains the highest G.P.A. in the entire school. Not to mention highest scores in all his state testing, of which he leaves a nice size gap between himself, and the next top scoring student in the school, but even more impressing, the entire states average. Very proud I am of that boy. All of them, extremely bright. It would be very kind, and I would be extremely thankful if you could help us by being the person to take our help we give, anytime on Christmas Day would be fine. In case you have a kid or 2, but there don't have to be kids, but we will have some pre-wrapped gifts ready to hand out for a variety of ages older and younger, male and female. I suppose I should wrap up this letter as well!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you for taking the time, and I won't expect anything to come of this, but I will keep a close eye on my mail just in case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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