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## **A sweet Christmas Blessing**

Last year we received our Quad stroller through a wonderful organization called United Cerebral Palsy (UCP). They put our little Amanda on their Christmas Tree to be "adopted" by a family for Christmas. A family "adopted" Amanda and gave us the quad stroller for Christmas. I was so touched both spiritually and emotionally.

So this year I wanted, actually, Cliff and I NEEDED to give back. I contacted the Director of UCP of Orange County and told her we wanted to adopt a child and her family for Christmas. There was a 13 month old little girl and her mom and dad who was on the UCP's Christmas Tree to be Adopted. So that was our special little girl that was our true meaning for Christmas this year.

I took Mom and we galavanted off to spend the afternoon shopping on Sunday afternoon. She and I really had a wonderful time together. I felt like Mrs. Clause checking off all of the items on the "wish list" for this precious little girl and her parents. To be honest, I really had no idea how we could afford it. I truly felt God's love in my heart and I just knew it was the right thing to do. I figured if it took me a year to pay off the credit card bill, then that is what I would do for this special family. Cliff felt the same way I did.

Well a really neat miracle happened. This is where The Lord and his Divine Intervention comes in. When Mom and I got home from shopping, Cliff told me that he was receiving a Christmas bonus and it was enough to cover the Christmas presents that I purchased for the family. I had the biggest, happiest smile along with grateful tears running down my cheeks. I just knew this was God's work. Praise The Lord!!

The next morning I wrapped all of the presents. I wrote on each present "God Loves You". These presents really weren't from me, they were from The Lord. Praise Jesus!! I contacted UCP and told them the presents were all ready. Coincidentally, our adopted family's caseworker with UCP was visiting the family that day. She stopped by my house and picked up all of the presents and took them to the family's house. So this was another little Blessing. I would have had to drive baout 3 hours total driving time to drop the presents off so this was truly a Godsend for me.

I truly see the signs that God gives me in subtle ways and sometimes in big ways.

Merry Christmas!!

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