



Christmas Bail Out 08 **by Aaron Crowley**

If you think Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson has set aside an extra few billion for a stone industry bail out, think again. The only orphans getting presents from this D.C. Daddy Warbucks in a filthy Santa suit are the companies that plunged us into this recession in the first place.

I am sorry...Merry Christmas.

I must apologize as I made the mistake of reading the latest headlines prior to beginning this Yule Tide letter of encouragement and momentarily lapsed into a state of bitter cynicism.

Shame on me.

Shame on me for forgetting how much I have to be thankful for.

For most of the world, *suffering* through an American recession would be an improvement in living conditions of enormous magnitude.

There are countries where legitimate elections and the peaceful transfer of power simply do not exist. There are countries where children are starving to death because the price of corn has increased. There are countries where orphans die for lack of the most basic medical care. There are countries where people are not free to worship as they please.

My friends, we are experiencing a recession that will probably get worse before it gets better but remember, we live in a country where it ALWAYS gets better.

Keep that in mind this Christmas season and let us look for opportunities to share our enormous wealth with people who truly need a bail out.

Consider a donation to one of these groups currently helping such people right now.

www.compassion.com

www.ahopeforchildren.org

www.persecution.com