

Christmas Appeal Letter from Cesar Chavez 1965

Christmastime – Delano

With the demands of the strike, it has been almost impossible individually to thank or adequately express my own gratitude, or the gratitude of all the strikers — toward the good people who have done so much and continue to do so much to help us in our battle.

We are celebrating together holidays of what some men would call the impossible: holidays of Channuka, of a light that burned for eighty days when there was oil found for only one, and Christmas, of the birth of the Son of God among men — and we, too, are involved in what people have called the impossible: the organization of a strong union of farm workers, to fight for and uphold human dignity and human rights. And as these holidays are a kindling and a rebirth of the spirit and faith of men, I pray this New Year is for you also a kindling and a rebirth, a continuance and growth in our fellowship together as we join hands, wherever we are, in the work we all share.

May God grant you good health in the coming year, that you may continue to be with us as you are able; and may He grant all of us here the strength to carry on our battle and to be worthy of Him, and of you, who have so generously placed your faith in us.

God bless you,

Sincerely,

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