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Our regular monthly newsletter will not be published for this month as we present a:

## *Special Holiday Message*

*From Gary L. Krupp and Meredith Krupp*

The holiday season means many different things to different people. While the Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the followers of Judaism celebrate Chanukah. Other groups come together in celebration of Eid Mubarak, Yule, the Winter Solstice and many other expressions of the togetherness that this season has come to represent. Still others may follow no religious tradition, yet enjoy the season of shopping, giving, receiving and Santa Claus.

With all this diversity of traditions and activities, this might seem to be a time where we must be divided, separated into our groups according to traditions and activities. Yet, this is not necessarily true and is not in the true spirit of this season.

Though it is important through the year, the holidays could be the time that we take great care to *Embrace the Similarities and Savor the Differences*, Pave the Way Foundation's slogan. Your neighbor may not have the same way of recognizing this holiday season but if you look you will find many similarities between his traditions and yours.

During this season, and always, reach out to your brethren who walk different paths to enlightenment. Make friends. Perform gestures of good will. Listen to them and, if they are willing, teach them about your family's traditions.

The true spirit of this season, Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men, can only come about if we can overcome petty differences and get to work building a society based on love and respect, where we can be safe and prosperous.

Happy Chanukah ❄ Merry Christmas ❄ عيد مبارك

*Gary and Merry Krupp*

## What We Do:

Pave the Way Foundation is dedicated to achieving peace by bridging the gap in tolerance and understanding between religions through cultural, technological and intellectual exchanges. We strive to eliminate the use of religion as a tool which, historically, has been used by some to achieve personal agendas and to cause conflicts.

Through our projects and our concrete gestures of good will, we hope to pave the way towards global education directed to the everyday "grass roots" person. We must now all recognize the dangers of apathy and silence.

*Embrace the Similarities; Savor the Differences* - The meaning of our slogan is simple. We must embody the messages of charity, love and responsibility for every human being, common to all of our faiths, our beliefs and to the code of human behavior. We focus on our similarities and savor our differences by learning, through the positive and practical appreciation of the World's diverse religions and beliefs. We must not allow the differences to poison us with bigotry, hatred and intolerance. Instead, we wish to learn, enhance our own beliefs and in turn savor our differences.

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