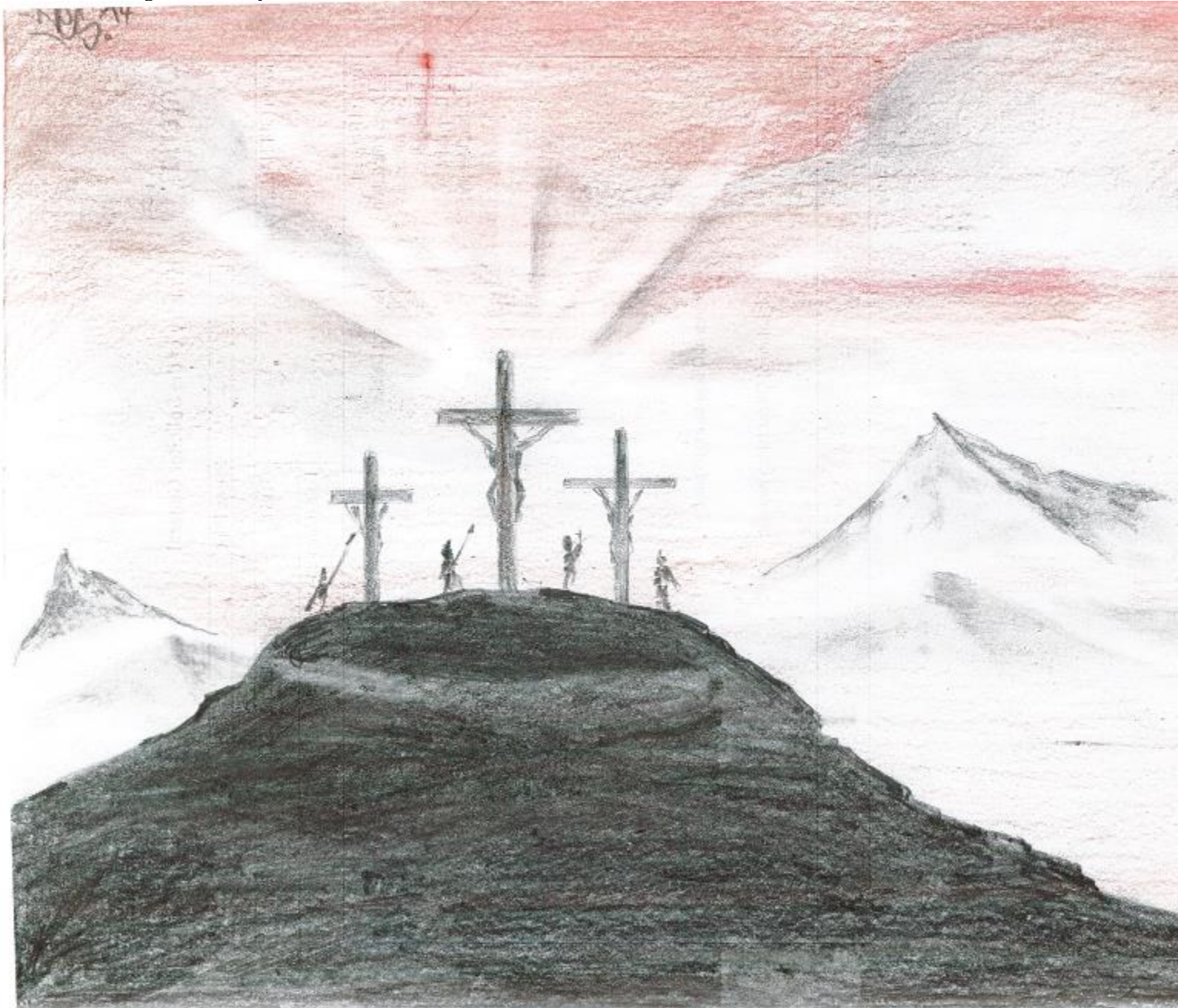


**The Advent Humanitarian projects** have all been completed! Our community prepared 172 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child which will be delivered to needy children around the world; 525 Loot bags were delivered to St. John the Compassionate mission to be distributed to men, women and children in the city; and finally through Prison Ministry Canada Angel Tree Program, 20 children whose parent is imprisoned received Christmas gifts sent on behalf of their parent. One of these parents drew the picture below; he was so thankful that we were providing a gift to his daughter and asked that we please send/share this picture with her! We wanted to share with you his exceptional drawing and point out the special way in which our Lord has touched someone's life – not only the prisoner who has maybe recognized that he did something wrong and is seeking God's forgiveness.....but his drawing to his daughter at Christmas surely reminds her (and ALL OF US) of the sacrifice Jesus made when He gave His life on the cross for us! What an incredibly special way for all of us to remember the "reason for the season" – that Christmas is a time to remember the birth of our Lord – that He came to earth to die for our sins! This drawing clearly illustrates feelings of love and hope – feelings that ought to be shared during this time of year!



Thank you to everyone for showing God's love to these men, women and children and for bringing hope to their lives. May Our Lord bless you for your generosity and support! Christ is born! Glorify Him!

**In February, we will once again be preparing winter care packages: "Warm hands – warm hearts" is the motto which motivates us to reach out and touch the lives of marginalized individuals during the cold winter months by providing small gift bags which will include hats, mitts and snacks. Your donations will assist us in accomplishing this! Chukrun!**