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For A New World: Christmas Update

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Dear <<First Name>>, and friends in many parts of the world. As we come towards the end of another year, we want to express our immense gratitude for your help, support and encouragement with our 'For A New World' project, and to send you our best wishes for Christmas, the holiday season and for the new year to come.

These are dark and scary days for humanity, but this season is also deeply symbolic of light and hope. For Christians, God gave us at this time his son as a friend and helper. It's become a time for giving gifts. We are so grateful for all that we have received, through the heritage of Frank Buchman, through the extraordinary array of friends who've been part of this journey with us. We're also grateful that whatever events are shaking the world around us, we can all be part of 'healing history', working for reconciliation.





Cowboy Christmas

We share with you all '<u>Cowboy</u> <u>Christmas</u>', one of the many Christmas stories on FANW, the fruit of two of the creative geniuses of that time – Cecil Broadhurst, himself a real cowboy, and Bill Cameron Johnson, an illustrator, artist and stage designer.

Image above: The Cowboy Christmas book cover.

The stage version of the story included the song 'Cowboy carol', which had a viral success, becoming a regular feature at Christmas concerts in the Royal Albert Hall in London:



Video above: A Cowboy Carol (feat. Sir Malcolm Sargent). The Royal Choral Society, Sir Malcolm Sargent

Jotham Valley

<u>Cecil Broadhurst</u> wrote one of the early musical plays that travelled widely and was later made into a film, Jotham Valley. A story about ill-feeling and water and reconciliation between two brothers in the west of the USA.



Video above: Jotham Valley, 1952.

FANW Blog

As you may have seen, we launched a Blog in September and have been publishing new blogs most weeks! <u>Click here</u> to visit the Blog page. Each writer elaborates and reflects on a person, publication or theme on the For A New World website, bringing contemporary insight. Each blog is also featured on our <u>Facebook page</u> and comments are welcome there.

Please also consider signing up to receive an e-mail alert whenever a new one is published. Click the link on the Blog page or <u>here</u> to sign up.

Thank you again and all our best wishes for the new year ahead, The For A New World 'Production Team'.

