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If we launched ourselves today toward the nearest planetary system discovered so far ... we would have 300,000 years of asking “when will we get there?” before we got there.

New York Times editorial



Christ was born in a cave and Christianity in the catacombs.

G.K. Chesterton,
The Everlasting Man

Encouragement heals because it reaches the heart. Encouragement liberates, it enables a person to give all that he or she has to give.

Francis Libermann



Faith in the church has never meant believing it does everything right; it means never abandoning hope despite all the things it does wrong.

John Allen,
National Catholic Reporter

Although the earth [in Haiti] yearns to be sown with seeds, it remains still. That is because drifting from the solitary huts is the scent of cooking beans and roasting maize — seeds that were destined for the ground, but have ended up in cooking pots instead. ... Families have given up the precious seeds set aside for the next planting to cook them for their guests.

Development and Peace



Haitians have so little, need so much, and have been suffering for months despite all the promised largesse, the presence of so many giant aid organizations. ... The system is definitely broken. It shouldn't be like this.

Craig Kielburger, Free the Children