’Tis Always the Season to Help

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A box of coal for Pastor Anderson

Video of a sermon by Arizona pastor Steven Anderson went viral right before World AIDS Day. “All homos are pedophiles,” he ranted. “They’re filled with disease because of the judgment of God. If you executed the homos, like God recommends, you wouldn’t have all this AIDS running rampant.”

The sermon reached the folks at Planting Peace, which offers support to the LGBT community and operates orphanages in Haiti for HIV-positive kids. “It is difficult to stop individuals like Pastor Anderson from spreading vile messages,” acknowledges Planting Peace president Aaron Jackson. “However, we can take his message and turn it into something positive for the community impacted by his words.” So Planting Peace launched a campaign to raise AIDS funds and send lumps of coal to Anderson on Christmas.

The public got into the spirit. So did Santa. He left a note (below) with his gift to Anderson, and it’s sure to spread cheer long after the holiday season.

Dear Steven,

When I heard about your recent shenanigans, there was no doubt in my mind that you topped this year’s naughty list. However, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to you for having helped raise over $20,000 for AIDS awareness and treatment. You truly are a unique individual.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
MATTHEW 25:40

Merry Christmas!
May you continue to do the Lord’s work,

Santa

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