

# Christmas

## A SAVIOR IS BORN

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.” - Isaiah 9:6, 7*

In the cool of an ancient Judean night, an impoverished, unwanted baby (or so the world deemed him) was born. He, unlike every other baby, was not created, but sent.<sup>1</sup> He came, not to build an enterprise or acquire fame, but to faithfully please His Father and love people.<sup>2</sup> Despite no worldly accolades He inaugurated a kingdom - which looked more like a mustard seed than a shooting star.<sup>3</sup> Though poor, governments would rest on His shoulders and grow in peace.<sup>4</sup> His mission was to walk in grief,<sup>5</sup> for the joy set before Him - to endure the cross, yet despise its shame.<sup>6</sup> And it is this man, confounding our categories, who displayed in one moment both the horrors of our sin and the riches of God's love.<sup>7</sup> Judged small and powerless, yet our only firm foundation.<sup>8</sup> This is the hope of Christmas: Jesus came weak that He might save in power.<sup>9</sup>

In January we will celebrate our ten year anniversary - nearly all of our marriage in NYC. We are still amazed that God would call two newlyweds with very little urban experience to live and minister in such a complex and exceedingly dark location. We wanted to reflect on the powerful work He's done these past eight years through seemingly small means.

- **14 came to Christ:** Isa (secular Muslim), Mia (NYU freshman), Joshua (theater kid), Jacob (gang kid), Jagmeet (sikh), Tong (buddhist spiritualist) among them!
- **Dozens of student leaders were raised up** and still leading others: Brianna, Lachlan, Jack, John (all NYU), Jeffrey, Marysol, Elijah, Nii, Tim, Sharon, Bec (all CCNY), Rebecca (Lehman), Isabella (Hunter) and more.
- **A movement at the premiere local university network** took hold and continues to expand to satellite campuses: CCNY, Hunter, Baruch & Lehman.
- **10 students joined summer missions**, because of our investment in them: Kristen, Aniska, Richard, Jack, Liz, Lachlan, Marysol, Tim, Nii and Lisary.

God is not done with us (Eph 2:10, Phil 1:6). The above mentioned work would not have been possible if not for your partnership, gifts and encouragement. **You have in many ways prayed our ministry into being**, and we praise God for you (Phil 1:3). As we take time to 'pause' from NYC, we lean into the gifts of grace, community and strength He has to offer now.

As we move into the Advent season, **would you consider giving a special Christmas gift of: \$100, 250 or \$500?** Your gift can bring eternal, Christ-centered change to a deeply divided world in need of the gospel.

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by Koestenberger & Stewart

<sup>1</sup>Jn 17:3-5. <sup>2</sup>Jn 17:6-8. <sup>3</sup>Matt 13:31-32. <sup>4</sup>Is 9:6-7. <sup>5</sup>Is 53:3. <sup>6</sup>Heb 12:2.  
<sup>7</sup>Rom 5:8. <sup>8</sup>1 Cor 3:11. <sup>9</sup>1 Cor 1:27-30.

