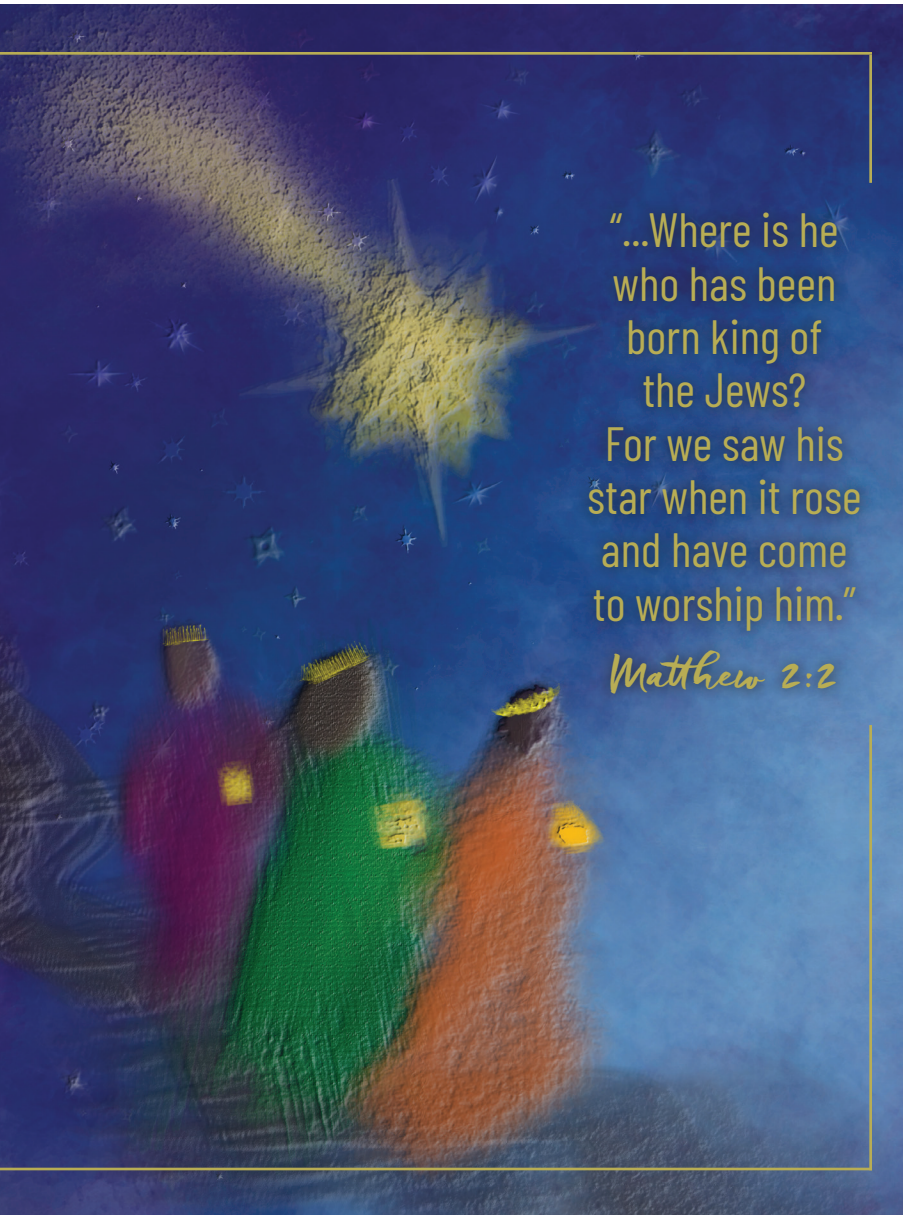


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"...Where is he
who has been
born king of
the Jews?
For we saw his
star when it rose
and have come
to worship him."

Matthew 2:2

A Word from Our Executive Director

Candace McIntosh



One of my favorite aspects of the Christmas season is the music. It is my belief we can never sing enough Christmas hymns. I love attending the annual Christmas program at my church and the Living Christmas Tree performed at a church in my community. Music speaks deeply to my soul, and praising

my Savior through song is important to me.

So when I heard this story, it was a stark reminder of how much I take this privilege for granted. Recently one of our missions personnel shared that a national partner and his teenage daughter were visiting with his family. This young daughter had been a believer from an early age. During their visit, she made a simple request - to attend a church service where people worshipped using musical instruments and song. She had never had this experience because, for her family and those with whom they normally worship, to draw attention to their church would mean persecution. So, they have worshipped quietly in their gatherings.

Thankfully, she and her father along with the missions personnel were able to worship with a church in the area. Although she could not fully understand what was being said, her heart rejoiced as they sang praises to her Lord and Savior. The girl later declared to her father, "I pray one day hundreds of our people will be able to freely gather and sing praises to our Lord!"

This Christmas season, as you gather with friends and family, I pray you will remember those who have not yet met the One who causes us to rejoice even in the quiet.

And as you sing, ask God to grant the heart's desire for this young girl and many others like her. We will praise in a thunderous roar when one day all nations, tribes and tongues gather around the throne praising our Lord. May you give more and pray more for missions in the year ahead than ever before. To God be the glory! Wishing you a joyful Christmas and New Year.

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