



Christmas 2010

Christmas celebrates the birth of our King. Kings may seem old fashioned today, but long ago in the land of Babylon God declared that all earthly governments would one day be swept away, to be replaced by His kingdom (Daniel 2:44). This kingdom will be ruled by “one like a son of man” who will be given this kingdom “that will not pass away” (Daniel 7:13-14 NIV).

Several hundred years later, Magi from what had been the Babylonian Empire saw signs in the sky and came to Jerusalem looking for the one born, “king of the Jews” (Matt. 2:2). Although they were not Jews, the Magi were ready to worship this king, but Herod and the Jewish religious leaders were not. Herod, who had already killed his wife and some of his sons, attempted to trick the Magi into revealing where this child lived so that he might kill Him also. And the chief priests and scribes, though they were only five miles from Bethlehem, showed no interest in checking out the story of the Magi. But the Magi found Jesus, with the assistance of the star they had previously seen (Matt. 2:9), and bowed down and worshipped the King of the world!

How precious it is to know this King as both Lord and Savior! Today many in Zambia have come to know Jesus in this way. We feel privileged that He has called us to help train more workers so that everyone in this part of what once was the dark continent of Africa can be among those who “have seen a great light” (Matt 4:16). Thanks for your prayers and support that have enabled us to fulfill the calling God has placed on our lives.

May the King of Kings and Lord of Lords richly bless you and your family at this wonderful time of the year!

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