

# Merry Christmas

Year 12 | December 2019

For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. -2 Corinthians 4:6

Have you ever thought of God sending His Son to us, as being light shining into our world's darkness? Just as God lit the wise men's path with a star, He also illuminated the way we are to live by becoming a person, Jesus. He lived as we should have - speaking, loving, caring, even dying, as we should have. We have much to celebrate in His coming!

## Advent Devotional

Dawning of Indestructible Joy  
by John Piper

We also have much to celebrate even in the midst of many transitions this year. David transferred to help jumpstart the movement at CUNY's flagship campus, City College. We started the year with 3 staff and 4 students. We end the Fall semester with 5 staff and 23 students (Like Andrew and Bryan, freshmen whose main prayer was for God-appointments to share the gospel with their peers. Or Jacob who became a believer in the school cafeteria right before their eyes! Or Abdul\* who, though Muslim, regularly attends our meetings, hungry for community)! David's also coaching several students in the Bronx excited to grow in their faith and impact their campuses with the gospel. (\*name changed)

Ashley has charged into motherhood with grace and care. Emma is already walking and growing so beautifully. With more of a full-time mom role, Ashley's taken on several behind-the-scenes roles on our team as a conference coordinator and financial expert. She is also pregnant with our second! We're excited to welcome another Coffey into the world in late April!

And, by God's incredible and timely grace, we found an apartment in an amazing neighborhood, in our budget, with more space and friendly neighbors! And while the cost of raising a family, moving, paying rent, preparing for a newborn as well as maintaining multiple movements in this huge city is financially taxing, we cannot help but praise the Lord with thanksgiving (Phil 4:6) for His provision!

God has called us to work that is yielding eternal fruit in a very challenging city. He has sustained us in large part due to your many prayers and gifts. **You are playing a crucial role in shining the light of Christ into this dark city, and we are so grateful for you!** As the year closes, we are trusting God to provide for our **current need of \$9,500**. Would you be willing to give a **special Christmas gift of \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500** this year to help us continue reaching lost students and raising our family?



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