



## FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered what Mary and Joseph thought when the “wise men from the east” arrived at their home in Bethlehem, when they presented to Him those costly gifts of “gold, frankincense, and myrrh,” when they “fell down and worshipped Him.” What awesome thoughts must have gone through her mind

as she held in her arms this Baby Boy who was God in the flesh. The fact that Mary carried in her body and gave birth to the Son of God is truly a miracle beyond my comprehension, and yet as the wise men once did, my response is to bow in worship and in adoration before this One who is my Savior and my God.

The author of Hebrews gives us this wonderful Christmas verse: “Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me” (Heb. 10:5, NKJV).

Our Lord Jesus offered Himself as the Sacrifice for our sins, and in doing so that body “...was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men” (Isa. 52:14b).

That Baby in Mary’s arm, worshipped by the wise men from the east, came to give His life on the cross for our sins, as our Substitute. He died that all might live, who put their trust in Him.

All “Around Maine” we are sharing that Gospel message with children. Thank you for joining with us in the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

During the first two months (September and October) of our ministry year sixty-five children trusted the Lord Jesus as their own Savior. Many others have been taught God’s Word and encouraged in their young faith. Thank you for your crucial part in the effort. In Paul’s words that is “fruit that abounds to your account.”

Every year our CEF staff gives an offering that is used to purchase gifts for needy children. This year two young teens from our Neighborhood House ministry, and one young boy from Camp Good News of New Hampshire will be the recipients of those gifts. One of the boys from the Neighborhood House ended up in the hospital earlier this year due to a drug overdose. He nearly lost his life. The house they are living in has no running water. There is electricity but no stove. They wear the same clothes most of the time - no winter jackets.

Both boys spent a week at Camp Good News this summer, both have come to know the Lord as their Savior. The older of the two cried all the way home from Camp Good News - he did not want to go home. It would be wonderful to see the look on their faces when they receive their gifts - new clothes and winter jackets.

Wise men brought gifts to a Baby Boy, who gave His life that we might receive the gift of God, eternal life in and through our Savior. Now we are able to give gifts at Christmas time, as we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Thank you for sharing with us in this ministry. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

**Africa Update:**

The conference that I was speaking at in Africa has been cancelled. I am disappointed, but trusting that God knows best.

‘Til Every Child Knows,

John and all the Staff

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Here is my year end gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to help with the financial needs and to further  
the ministry of *CEF*®.



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