



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream no to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:11, 12

Time has passed since Jesus was born in humble circumstances, not in a palace of an empire, but in a stable of a small village. Joseph was able to secure a house once the crowds that came to Bethlehem finished their business and returned home. We do not know the amount of time that passed from the birth of Jesus to the visit of the Magi. The knowledge of Jesus' birth was not locally or widely known, but here in this small rented house, the Magi found and recognized the King of Kings. They traveled a considerable distance and notice that when they see the Christ child, they fall down and worship Him. The NIV says "bowed", but the Greek term means to fall down or prostrate oneself. All the things that usually accompany greatness by worldly standards are missing. Power and position are usually reflected in wealth and that is absent here. Through faith, the Magi followed the star of prophecy and when they recognized the true King, they fell prostrate before Him and kissed his feet. They presented Him with gifts, not just any gifts, but the best. They brought their very best to Jesus. The account of the Magi is concluded by a dream with a warning not to return to Herod, but to return home by another route.

Many thoughts come to mind from this passage, and it gives me pause to reflect on how we approach our Lord today in worship of Him. Do we go out of our way to worship Him? Are we willing to prostrate ourselves to Him? Do we give our very best to Him in our worship? Does our finding Him cause us to go a different way?

2014 was a very busy year for KFCI as the ministry continued to expand around the globe. God has blessed this ministry and we are so excited about the outreach it provides for the evangelization of children. The plan for 2015 is to build up our financial support base for the ministry. I hope to speak at camps, weeks of VBS and congregations around the country to raise awareness of the need of evangelizing children and the possibility of financial support for KFCI. Please contact me if you are interested. This year I have been in contact with a minister in Uganda and, Lord willing, will travel to Uganda in 2016 to train a team of workers.

We rejoice in receiving updates from our many branches and to hear all that they are doing. Just recently, a former team member and student from the International Christian College of Manila, Rolando Mendoza, traveled to Bacolod City, Negros Island to help train a team for the KFCI ministry. Paul Wilson, the on-site missionary, scheduled a week of training at their newly-formed Bible College and has already been conducting programs in neighboring churches. They hope to eventually have programs in eight locations.

Abraham Eapen reports from India that as of this writing, over 800 children and their parents attended KFCI Christmas programs. It is exciting to know that the parents are also being exposed to the message of Christ. Abraham said that two new groups have been established in Bangalore through the direction of a man named Stephen. 100 children have been attending between the two groups. Stephen, like others involved with KFCI, are in need of support -- \$100 a month would help to support the work in his area.

KFCI will soon celebrate 21 years of service and has it ever been an exciting adventure. We remember the early years in Philadelphia facing the challenges of the inner city while taking baby steps trying to educate ourselves in this new area of ministry. God paved the way for Chuck Fordyce's dream to become a reality. His dream is now at work in nine countries and what we learned in those early years is now a template for training teams around the globe.

It has been a wonderful year and we thank God for all that He has done through this ministry. Your prayers and financial support have enabled us to continue on as we seek the lost children of this world.

On behalf of the hundreds of workers involved with KFCI around the globe and the thousands of children being ministered to, we wish you a very . . .

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