



Christmas

The Year of Our Lord 2015

Jesus, the Light of the World

When the angels brought glad tidings to the people with the announcement of the birth of Jesus, the heavens and the earth rejoiced in splendid acclaim, for light and salvation had come down from heaven into the world and into our lives to fill us with light and the promise of hope.

The year 2015 has, unhappily, seen much suffering around the world. Countless people have been displaced or fled their homelands; others are living under oppression or, even worse, have lost their lives, and our own country has not been spared its share of sorrow. Out of this dimness the season of Advent breaks into the world and gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on this season of hope, which will culminate in the celebration of the birth of Christ, our Savior and our hope. He indeed is the source of all hope, hope that the world so desperately seeks. He is the Light that will pierce and dispel the darkness that threatens our world. He is the hope for all who long to live in peace because,

“ . . . in the tender mercy of our God the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who dwell in darkness and death’s shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace” (Luke 2: 78-79).

Birthright, in its own small way, endeavors to share this hope and love with women whose lives are troubled by unexpected pregnancy. Our volunteers go about their work quietly, offering the symbolic shelter of the stable to those who find pregnancy a great burden but, with our help, can carry on and give birth. We offer the symbolic gifts of the shepherds in the form of clothing and other essentials. Kingly treasures we have none but even more valuable than treasures, Birthright gives the priceless gift of love and friendship and the promise that each baby’s birth will be an honored occasion of joy and wonder. The volunteer stands ready to serve these women, care for them, see to their needs, and most of all, love them. What great joy there is in welcoming a new life!

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, the Light of our world, it is a perfect time to reflect

on the past year and count our many blessings. Among these, are all of you! Through many and varied ways, whether tangible, financial, or through prayer, you have supported us with generous hearts.

On behalf of those we serve, we thank you tremendously from the bottom of our hearts.

“I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.” (Jer 29:11)

This Christmas we pray that you will be surrounded by the warmth of family and friends.

May Jesus, our Hope, bless you during this beautiful Holy Season and throughout the New Year!

We extend to you our very best
wishes for a
Joyful Christmas Season &
Peaceful New Year!

