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Dear ministry partners,

CHRISTMAS... WHY does so much of the world commemorate the day a Jewish baby from a humble family was born in a cowshed in an obscure Middle-Eastern town?

Isaiah said those living in **"gloom... and deep darkness"** would see a **"great light"** and then spoke of the true significance of CHRISTMAS... **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."**

CHRISTMAS... the Jewish baby in the cowshed was named **"Jesus... because He saves His people from their sins"**. He can do this because He is **"Immanuel... God with us"**. He is the sinless Son of God who annihilates our sins when we believe in Him, rescues us from deep darkness and hopelessness, and give us Hope and Peace and Joy... and Life Eternal.

Very early this morning the phone rang and the voice on the other end greeted me in Swahili. It was Lesarge, my Rendille brother in Christ from Loiyangalani in North Kenya (where our family served as missionaries). "Brother," he said, "Eight young people who have been attending church have this week publically professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Us older believers are planning on how we can faithfully disciple them and help them mature in their faith." What GLORIOUS news to start a new day! These young people coming from the **"gloom and deep darkness"** of a Moslem and Animist community have come to know **"The Prince of Peace"**.

All of us have known the gloom and deep darkness apart from the Light of Jesus. And we are all still surrounded by those living in the dark... who desperately need the Light of Christmas. And for those of you who know Jesus, and who not only bring the Light of the Gospel to your community, but also send people like us to communities who have never heard about Immanuel... Thank you for taking CHRISTMAS to the **"ends of the earth!"**

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For the TMM Family

