



Wise Men Still Seek Him.

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Dear Friend,

Do you know about the **wise men** who *missed* the Saviour? We all know about the **wise men** who came from the East following the star to Bethlehem, but they were not the only **wise men** in the **Christmas story**. There was a second group of men who chose not to go to Bethlehem.

King Herod called this second group of **wise men** to advise him about the birth of the King. Matthew 2:4 calls them, “Chief priests and scribes.” They were among the **wisest men** in the kingdom, advisors to the king, but they made serious mistakes, right from the start. **First**, they knew the location where the baby was to be born but they didn’t actually believe the Lord had come. They missed the incarnation. They obviously doubted Christ’s deity, but that was just the beginning.

Second, these same **wise men** knew the Scripture, but they did not find the Saviour. They went right to the Bible to answer Herod’s question. They knew about **Micah 5:2**, “*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be a ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*” They did not apply that statement to themselves. Don’t make the same mistake. You cannot be saved by just knowing about the **Christmas story**! You can know a lot about the Bible and still be lost.



Third, these men knew that Christ would rule the world, but they were not interested in letting Him rule in their hearts! God’s plan that quickly unfolding right in front of them. There was prophetic fulfillment, angelic proclamation, taxation, and the birth of the Lord in Bethlehem, but these **wise men** chose not to act on the message of the Bible.

Finally, why did these other **wise men** not hurry to Bethlehem to find the Christ? Maybe they were scared that they would lose favor with King Herod. Maybe they just quickly fell back into their normal routine, or perhaps they thought the risk was too great if the rumor about Christ being born was false. It’s hard to tell, but the Bible records that they missed the Saviour’s birth!

Sadly, too many people still fall into this same pattern today. They may think themselves wise, but the truth is that the **real meaning of Christmas** is forgotten by them. Perhaps they take part in Christmas rituals, gift-giving, family gatherings, and even attending a church service . . . but, it is without a true heart commitment to respond to the birth of the Lord by accepting Him as their own personal Saviour.



This is why CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PA, INC. exists. All across our state this December, the true story of Christmas will be shared. Our hope and our prayer this Christmas is that children across this area, as well as adults will not just hear, but respond to this miraculous story by accepting Christ as their personal Saviour from sin.

They would be joining the over 15,000 children and adults who have heard the Gospel in CEF of E. PA. sponsored ministry events this year! God has blessed and as best we can tell over ten percent of those who heard the Gospel message did make that first-time commitment to accept Christ. We are praising Him and thanking our ministry partners too for each one that has made that life-changing decision.

As we come to one of the most sacred times of the Christian calendar, the anniversary of the birth of our Lord, it occurs to us that perhaps this is the perfect time to recommit ourselves to this great mission of sharing the real Christmas story with those God brings across our path. Real wise men (and women) still seek the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

You may be asking what your role is in reaching this generation with the Good News. First and foremost, be in prayer. Prayer makes things happen. It is the foundation of any good ministry or missionary effort. If you know someone who would like to receive our prayer letter or if you would be willing to share this letter with a friend so the two of you can pray for our ministry together, that would be a wonderful blessing.

Second, if the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do more, we would love to have your help as a financial supporter of this ministry. Tracts specifically written for children, Bible lesson teaching material that is reproduced and distributed across the state, songs, missionary support goal charts, and correspondence courses are all essential to teaching children about Christ, but they require financial support. It is only as you support this ministry with your personal gifts that materials can be made available to teachers . . . and the boys and girls.

Third, we have full and part-time ministry positions open for those whom God is calling to work with us as ministry partners. Maybe now is the best time to consider changing your work or ministry setting by moving to a position focused on reaching the youngest in our cities and towns with the Good News of salvation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Each one of us in the State Office family thanks you for your investment in us individually and in this outreach with God's Word to children. It is your investment, blessed by the Heavenly Father and multiplied by your prayers, that helps us to continue in our service for Him. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year as you continue to help us make the Christ of Christmas known and loved to boys and girls.



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