

## The Light Has Come from Afar

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.” — Isaiah 9:2

On behalf of the Coalition for Hispanic Ministries I send you our greetings during this season. It is a joy to recognize the coming of our Lord as “**God with us**” and to reflect on the example of Jesus in giving of himself for the salvation of the world.

As we approach the end of the year it is also a time for reflecting on God’s work in our lives over the last months as well as His calling on our lives for the years ahead. We are so thankful for the infinite and unfathomable ways that God sustains and blesses as He uses us for his purposes. It is exciting to be in His hands and to know that His intention is to seek and to save the lost.

The Coalition for Hispanic Ministries continues to serve under that conviction as a cross-cultural mission outreach to Hispanics in North America. It has been a privilege to see so much fruit among the Hispanic Friends believers across the continent.

Although our mission field is increasingly under pressure from rampant racial profiling that is bringing stress on entire Hispanic and other immigrant communities, the One who came from afar to dwell among us — full of grace and truth — still brings comfort, joy, and salvation.

Please pray for your brethren from every nation that the One who is the Light of the World will shine through them and that they will be protected from the evil one. Pray too for those whom Jesus is calling to be your brothers and sisters, whether near or far, so that they will see a great light, so that their sojourn through darkness will end, and so that they will find forgiveness of sins and new life in the One who loved them first.

Pray too for your own calling to represent Jesus well in your words and deeds as you minister to others in Jesus’ name.

**Thank you for your service in the Kingdom of God!**

Your co-laborer and servant,

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