“AN ACCOUNT FROM ONE OF THE WISE MEN”

Binhi sang Pagtuo

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Dear Friends,

Christmas greetings!

Here is another character from a script that I wrote for a tableau last week.

Wise Men

I am a magi. I practice astrology. One night, while me and companions were studying the sky, we saw a great star. It was a kind of star that we have never seen before. It was so near yet so far. We studied it and came to a conclusion that someone great, perhaps a king is born somewhere. Me and my two friends decided to seek out the star and find out its meaning. We left the comfort of our homes and started a journey that will take us many days. The bright star was our only guide. We are determined to come to the place where its rays are pointing. We finally arrived in Israel. The land is full of Roman soldiers. We ask directions of where the palace is. We thought that the star is pointing us there. We asked King Herod if a new king was born. We saw a flash of anger in his face. He summoned the priests and asked about a prophecy. The priests answered that in the prophecy of Micah, a king who will be the messiah will be born in Bethlehem. But they do not believe that it has come already.

We left the palace and went to Bethlehem. Along the way, we ask ourselves – are we ready to worship this messiah? The star is beckoning us to go on. What we found shocked us. A manger is glowing with heavenly light.

As we moved closer, we found the baby Jesus. Joseph and Mary were speechless. They were probably asking themselves why we sacrificed a lot just to find them. They do not yet know that it was a foreshadow that Jesus was not only for the Jews but also for the Gentiles.
We gave them gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then we bowed down and worship the King of kings and the Lord of lords. We have found what we are searching for!

How about you? Have you already found what you are searching for?

News would later arrive to us that Jesus and his family fled to Egypt because Herod ordered the massacre of new born babies up to two years old. We were comforted by the fact that we gave them gold for their basic needs in Egypt; frankincense as a smoke deterrent against flies and mosquitoes in their arduous travel; and myrrh, an herb that helps stops the bleeding of the belly-buttons of new born babies.

How about you? What kind of gifts are you giving this Christmas?

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

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