



We hope you will enjoy our delightful portrayal of the birth of Christ, based (loosely) on the events recorded in Luke 2:1-21. This DRAMATIC presentation features many of our *talented* Manna Kids and Teens. *The Great Night Light* was written by Judy Murphy. A ginormous thank you to Leah and Justin Klinger, Julie Johnson, Judy Murphy, Jazmine Miller, Sandy Cofer, and Brittany McAdory for directing the play, stage and costume design, wrangling the sheep, coaching the angels, clothing the “holy family,” stuffing the camel (?).

Merry Christmas!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Isaiah 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground; *he had no form or majesty that we should look at him and **no beauty that we should desire him.***

1. God did not give His son to _____ the world.
2. He gave to _____ His redemptive love to the world.

Mario and Christine Travieso

Mario and Christine have served as full-time missionaries in Cuba since 2014. Mario, who is Cuban-born, came to faith at the age of twelve and soon began leading worship. In April 2015, he was ordained as a lead pastor and the president of a network of 25 national churches.

On Sunday, parishioners and people in the community are invited to hear Gospel-centered teaching and a hot meal. Christine has leveraged her decades of school teaching to offer academic tutoring for elementary-level students. During Cuba’s frequent power outages, neighbors are invited to “connect” to the church’s “solar-powered” recharging station providing light in the darkness.

As leaders of the Church Network, Mario and Christine assist network pastors in deepening their walk with the Lord by providing discipleship to emerging church leaders. They recently launched a seminary program to provide formal training. Generous ministry partners, the team introduced an effective evangelism program by distributing *water filtration* systems. They also help churches receive donations of vital medicines and medical equipment for use in their communities.

Action Steps

- 1) **ADMIT** it to God 2) **Commit** it to God 3) **Submit** it to God

Reflect and Discuss


1. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through today's message?
 2. What are your earliest memories of Christmas?
 3. What is your favorite Christmas memory?
 4. Can you think of ONE way to express your love to others this Christmas?
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Next Week

Habits of a Healthy Heart pt 1

Pastor Tom Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER	JANUARY
<div><div>TUES 24</div><div>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 5PM</div></div>	<div><div>WED 1</div><div>SEEK WEEK Night of Prayer 6: 30pm</div></div>
<div><div>SUNDAY 29</div><div>ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM</div></div>	<div><div>SUNDAY 5</div><div>9 & 11 AM The Habit of Simplicity</div></div>
<div><div>Seek Week Dec. 29th-January 5th Join us for a powerful week of prayer and fasting as we cry out for more of God's Presence in our lives, in our church, and in our communities.</div></div>	<div><div>SUNDAY 5</div><div>Growth Track Starts Scan here to sign up </div></div> <div><div>SUNDAY 12</div><div>The Habit of Sowing</div></div>

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*All Scripture references are English Standard Version unless otherwise noted.