



Dear Friends and Family,

800 years before Jesus the Lord told Isaiah that upon the arrival of the light of the Messiah: “Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and roclaiming the praise of the Lord.” — Isaiah 60:6-7

400 years before Jesus the Lord told Zachariah that he should prepare a crown and place it on the head of

Joshua the high priest for, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch (...) It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two." — Zechariah 6:12-13

In the wisemen's gifts we see a representation of Jesus' ministry. Gold; for he was to be a king. Frankincense; for he was to be a high priest. Myrrh; for his death was to be our source of life.

Today, Christ calls us to Him! He is the victorious king who defeated death and sin, the perfect high priest who can absolve us from all sins and present us as a sweet smelling aroma to the Father, and the giver of life who can do away with the effects of death bestow us eternal life and resurrection! We rejoice in this Christmas season for the most valuable gift God could give mankind, his only begotten son!

Finally, we cannot forget your faithfulness and support in prayer. It is thanks to your partnership with us that this same light shines in Turkey today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With much love and peace in Christ to those near and far,

Marc, Anneliese, Rahel, Alex and Yoel