

The Star Within Me

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Last Tuesday, December 9th, Frontera de Cristo, Exodus Migrant Shelter (CAME), the Young Adult Volunteers (from the YAV Program) and the Migrant Resource Center, held a binational posada on both sides of the border.

*We gathered together in community and ministry, remembering the birth of Jesus and the beginnings of his life: **migrating, seeking refuge (inn) and desiring a safe place—a reality that our migrant brothers live and walk with hope every day.***

MATTHEW 2:1–10. A Star Within Me

This story speaks of encounters and misunderstandings, of faith, hope, joy, and misinterpretations.

The wise men from the East are among the favorite Christmas characters in Mexican celebrations, especially for children. We call them “The Three Wise Kings.” Children write letters to ask for gifts that arrive in January.

But this ancient biblical story has much to tell us today: To begin with, we don’t know whether the “Wise Kings” were three or more. Moreover, they were neither kings nor magicians. But they were not criminals either! **They were people who had made a long journey, facing real difficulties, dangers, exhaustion, and who knows how many other challenges** — all to fulfill the dream of their lives!

It seems they had spent time studying the prophets and knew every detail about the birth of the Messiah, waiting for just the right moment to meet him. I don’t know if they had the best strategy, but one thing is clear: **they had faith** — so much so that God sustained them throughout their journey. God is great and faithful to those who seek Him.

The second detail to highlight is the star — also the subject of speculation, research, and debate. Science has tried to explain the supernatural without much success. The star, the symbol that reminds us of the supernatural presence of God guiding our steps and leading us to Christ, the Morning Star who has gathered us in this place.

The star connects heaven with earth, our weakness with the greatness of God’s love. It is a reminder of our inner light: **“We are the light of the world,”** but above all that Jesus Christ, the little King, is the morning star.

Bethlehem, our meeting place, the point of arrival, the gathering place between the East and every corner of the world.

Here we are, divided by a wall in our meeting place, seeking meaning in our actions, proclaiming hope, and strengthening faith. We are all pilgrims in a hostile world, and because of this we must remember to find the star and allow it to guide us to our Bethlehem — the one we have built together by imitating Jesus.

We have built shared dreams and turned our differences into a great strength, where the star, the light of hope and faith, guides us with every step. We share the dream of being together and taking the hands of our brothers and sisters as what we truly are: **one great family that continues to impact our communities.**

The wise men from the East and we ourselves are simply people who long for a better world — who strive for our inner light to shine and illuminate others. And may our great Morning Star, Jesus Christ, the true reason for Christmas, always shine upon us and bring us back to Bethlehem to joyfully celebrate His presence.

Let the star within you shine upon this world, which so greatly needs grace.

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