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## News from the Barker's // December 2009

Merry Christmas! We pray that this year has been full of blessing and you are enjoying your holidays. My brother and his wife, Matt and Leanne, blessed us this year by flying us out to California to spend Christmas with them. Believe it or not, this is the first Christmas I have spent with my brother since 2000 so it has been a real blessing. My parents also made the trip so it is a packed house and a lot of family fun.

In reflecting on Christmas this year, I was reading through the birth narrative in Luke 2. The background of the story is a nation with the promise of a King, a Messiah, who would come from the line of David, but were under the oppressive and pagan rule of Rome (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Is. 2:1-4; 16:5; 55:3-5; Jer. 23:5; Mic. 5:1-5). When would their deliverer, their Messiah, come to save them? How long must the name of their God be scorned?

And then it happened... As we are told, there were shepherds tending their sheep one night when an angel appeared to them and said:

*"Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (2:10-12)*

How fantastic! Imagine being those simple, lowly shepherds and hearing this news. The time of the Messiah's appearing had finally come. Their people would be free from the Romans at last! But after the accompanying choir of angels had left, they must have looked at each other in disbelief of the sign the angel had told them about. A baby, wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger? That's it? The way they were to identify the king was by looking at all the mangers?

Yet that was the sign because He was the only child lying in a manger that night. Despite the fact that this was God in the flesh, there He was, born in a stable - the lowliest of births. Not fitting for any Roman king, but fitting for this King who would be humble and gentle, while ruling in righteousness and truth. We are told of His lowly birth because He would welcome the broken and the weak to come to Him for healing and forgiveness.

The humility of Jesus always touches my heart and makes me worship Him. I love thinking about His power, His miracles, His wisdom, and His coming Kingdom, but His humility and gentleness causes my heart to draw near to Him. As a human, He has experienced all that we have experienced. When I am in pain, fear, or sadness, I can lean into Him for comfort and strength. He is the Savior of the world because He can be approached by all, no matter the amount of pain and sin.



*We are missionaries at the [International House of Prayer of Kansas City](#). We seek to glorify Jesus Christ through worship and prayer, proclaiming His coming Kingdom, and acts of justice and compassion for the orphan and broken.*

### **\*\*What Do We Do?**

Ian is on full-time staff at IHOP-KC. He spends 24 hours per week in the Prayer Room in intercession, worship, and study of the Bible. He also spends 24 hours working for the Forerunner School of Ministry and IHOPU Press in an administration role.

Jocelyn is working on a two-year nursing degree at Penn Valley Community College. She also is a nanny for a family with four children.

### **\*\*Would You Help Support Us?**

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## IHOPU Student Awakening Continuing

The move of the Holy Spirit that we have been experiencing since November 11th at the International House of Prayer University has been continuing with weekly evening meetings. We have been seeing physical healings, emotional healings, and deliverance from sin and addictions. It has been amazing to experience what He has been doing and we are truly blessed. Let us continue to pray that He increases His activity not only in Kansas City, but in every city of America and the world. The dream of our hearts is that the lost would be saved and delivered as the gospel is preached with demonstrations of power.

I thought I would include some of the testimonies that people have been sharing to encourage you:

*Crystal - her eyes were healed so she does not need to wear glasses and her testimony led to the salvation and healing of her unsaved aunt*

*Dehavilland - healed of stomach and intestinal issues so she is free from pain and can now sleep soundly*

*Summer - for her whole life she could not put her knees and feet put together (knocked knees), but now she can*

*Luke - freed from drug addiction (\$400/week), and his eye sight and knees were healed*

*Neil - an IHOPU student who went home to Gainesville, Florida for Thanksgiving break who shared the gospel at Walgreen's and four people came to the Lord*

*Robert - encountered the Father's love and was freed from self-hatred and thoughts of suicide*

*Jake and Jarrod - were delivered from pornography and were healed of shame before the Lord*

*Linda - healed of Gillian Barre disease (pain in the nerves) and is free from pain*

*Micah - his short right leg grew out to be even with his left and his chronic back pain has been healed*

You can see these testimonies and full video of the meetings at [www.ihop.org/watch](http://www.ihop.org/watch). The meetings will continue in January and February after the [onething](#) conference. Be sure to tune in!

## Derek Loux

We were shocked this week to hear that Derek Loux, a senior leader at IHOP-KC, had been in a serious car accident and had passed away. Derek is a father of 10 children, 8 of them adopted, and a husband to Renee. Over the last 3 years, he has been a champion for adoption, especially of special needs children and those coming out of human trafficking. Please keep the Loux family in your prayers this holiday season during this time of loss. You may visit the [family website](#) to read more about this precious family, and to donate towards "The Josiah Fund" to help fulfill Derek's vision of adoption and restoring children.

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