For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given.

It is amazing to realize that an entire year has passed since we have heard the sounds of Christmas, which have caused our hearts to listen to inaudible voices, and we have seen a star of Bethlehem, a Christmas star, stirring our eyes to be cast heavenward, and we have witnessed an increase of compassion and kindness in our associations instigating feelings of His love for each of us.

It seems that time goes by ever faster as the years pass. Times change, years speed by, but Christmas continues sacred. It is through giving of self, listening to the lonely, and speaking words of peace and comfort, that the spirit of Christ enters our lives. God still speaks. He prompts. He guides. He blesses. He continues to give.

Oh what a glorious pronouncement on that "night of all nights" when the shepherds were abiding in the fields, and an angel, sent forth from the presence of God, appeared to them, announcing, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. ... For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10–11).

As we seek Christ, as we find Christ, as we follow Christ, we shall have the Christmas spirit, not for one fleeting day each year, but as a companion always. We shall learn to forget ourselves. We shall turn our thoughts to the greater benefit of others. True love is a reflection of the Savior's love. In December of each year we call it the Christmas spirit. You can hear it. You can see it. You can feel it. (Thomas S. Monson)

Christmas is what we make of it. Despite all the distractions, we can see to it that Christ is at the center of our celebration. This quote makes us pause as we consider our individual worship of Him during this most glorious of all seasons,

"Are you part of the INN Crowd or are you part of the STABLE Few?"

We express our love, individually and collectively, for each of you that we are privileged to call our friends. You bring so much joy to our lives as we serve in this wonderful place we love to call home. We testify that Jesus is the Christ, the only begotten of the Father and that because he came to earth, we have a perfect example to follow. As we strive to become more like him, we know that joy and happiness in our lives and peace each day of the year will certainly follow.

It is our hope and prayer that we may not miss the simple joys of commemorating the birth of the Holy One of Israel. As we take our spiritual journey to Bethlehem this season, may we take with us a tender, caring, and humbly obedient heart as our gift to the Savior. May we give as the Savior gave. To give of oneself is a holy gift. We give as a remembrance of all the Savior has given.

With all our Love,

President Wadman President Child President Rigby