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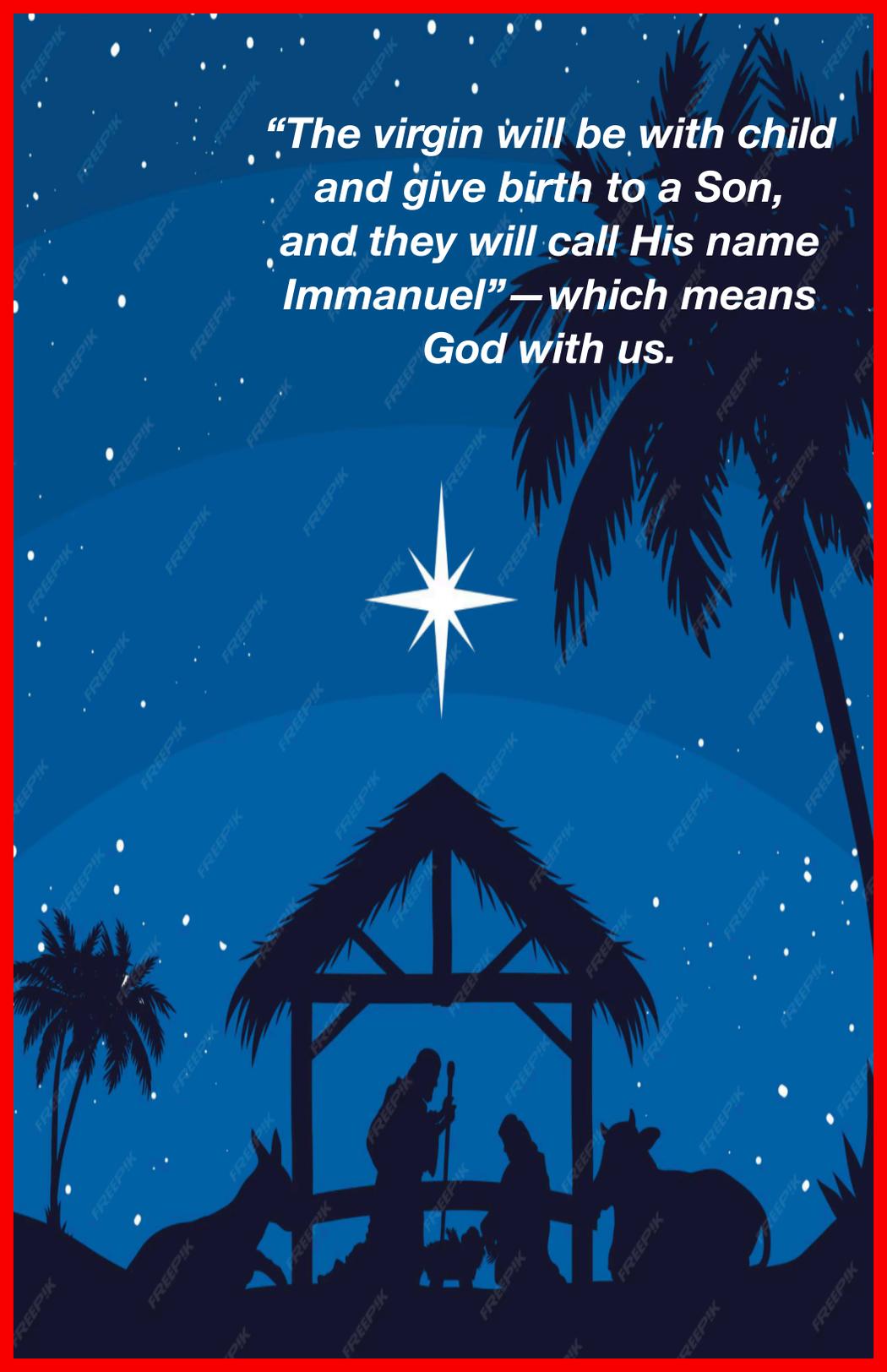
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*“The virgin will be with child
and give birth to a Son,
and they will call His name
Immanuel” – which means
God with us.*



“Gospel Coaching is an intentional life-giving friendship of ongoing conversations in which we encourage one another to know and trust the Lord in every aspect of our lives”

Who Will Shepherd the Shepherds?

God is opening up so many opportunities with World Reach! As I’ve shared with you before, along with teaching responsibilities, He’s given me many new friends to mentor/coach. As of the end of 2025, I am working with 7 men overseas through Zoom contacts and 8 church leaders in Georgia/Alabama. Going deeper in my friendships with these men is a great privilege! One-on-one has always been my favorite part of ministry.

Pastors shepherd people. But who shepherds the pastors? As we start a new year here’s what I’m most excited about. I’ve been invited to enhance my “Leader Shepherding” skills with the Gospel Coaching Network. This group supplies coaches for church planters with City to City, a group founded by Tim Keller, which is planting churches all over the world. By 2030, Gospel Coach network’s vision is to have 3000 Gospel Coaches ***who are trained to support church planting pastors, chaplains and leaders of non-profit organizations in God’s Kingdom.*** They are asking God to expand Gospel Coaching into 4 countries each year.

Here’s what I think the Lord is doing in my life: I will continue teaching pastors and church leaders classes of the World Reach curriculum but will also begin to specifically train our indigenous missionaries with World Reach ***to become Gospel Coaches.*** These men will work in their countries to encourage and shepherd local leaders/pastors to become Gospel Coaches as well.

My second target group to develop as Gospel Coaches will be men and women here in the United States. Our churches are packed with teachers and leaders! The hope is to invite more men and women to travel and teach with me who will begin coaching/mentoring friendships with the English-speaking students they meet on the teaching-mission trip. All of this will not only benefit the pastors/leaders we serve with World Reach, the new coaches will also be better equipped to shepherd in their home churches. So, Gospel Coaching is a win for the indigenous World Reach staff, the students we teach, the Gospel Coach leader, and his/her home church.

“Most leaders are required to invest in others, to develop staff or volunteers.

But few have been trained in how to do it. Gospel Coaching introduces the Biblical foundations for coaching as well as a tried and tested structure to effectively invest in, support and develop others.

World Reach and Gospel Coach network share the same vision about encouraging and equipping pastors and church leaders. I am very excited and humbled to be connected to both groups. If you are looking for opportunities to teach in a missions setting or if you would like to ***“sharpen your people investing skills”*** through Gospel coaching, I would love to share with you what has been given to me by so many gifted teachers.

As we go forward, please pray the Lord will give me a heart that wants to know Him more and that He would work in World Reach and the Gospel Coaching Network what is pleasing to Him. Also pray He will equip me with what I need to better serve church leaders as I attend more Gospel Coach training in Orlando this February.

We are on the way to knowing the Lord together and one another... more and more! Thank you again for being part of this venture, I couldn’t do it without your love and prayers.

I’m going to Cucuta, Colombia in February, then to South Africa for my first Gospel Coach class there in April. Let me know if you’d like to go!

Merry Christmas!



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- Fill in information
- Choose Payment method

3. Give Monthly via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) go to: www.world-reach.org

- Click on Donate Now
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- Select "EFT Giving" at the top of the page next to the WORLD REACH logo
- This takes you to "Sign up for Monthly Giving via Electronic Funds Transfer".
- Fill out the form, indicating preference for Searle's ministry.
- Click on Submit Request for EFT.

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