

**"This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger"**

**~ Luke 2:12**

*There is nothing in life more precious than holding a little baby in your arms. We have in our church two of the cutest African American twins who are being adopted by the Koranda family. They are both unique but both of them tell a great story of hope and love as you look into their eyes. Each has a purpose for life yet to be revealed to them.*

*They are not tarnished yet by society and the prejudices of the world around them. They do not know yet how different life is. All they know for sure is that when they are hungry they are fed, when they are dirty they are cleansed and when they are crying they are held and loved. Love from their family but also the church family as a whole. Chase and Isaiah are a blessing to each and every one of us.*

*On a Christmas morn over two thousand years ago another baby was born. His purpose in life was known before time itself. His purpose, this little boy named Jesus, was to die. Seems strange doesn't it? A mission to die. Stranger yet is that Jesus was to die for us. The relationship between man and His creator was broken and the only way to restore it was through sacrifice. Jesus, the Lamb of God, became our sacrifice. The little baby in the manger would take away the sins of the world and we remember Him on Christmas day.*

*As you hold a baby this Christmas season and as you look into their little faces reflect upon that baby long ago in the manger. Ask him into your heart and into your life this Christmas season. You will experience peace beyond understanding, hope where you find none and a love that we all long for.*

*From my family to all of you we wish for you this Christmas season all you have longed for.*

*Pastor Steve*