**GRACE MISSION**

Episcopal Church

*…a transformative ministry of the forgotten*

Dear Ministry Partners,

An ordinary night with ordinary sheep and ordinary shepherds. And were it not for a God who loves to hook an “extra” on the front of the ordinary, the night would have gone unnoticed. The sheep would have been forgotten, and the shepherds would have slept the night away.

But God dances amidst the common. And that night He did a waltz. The black sky exploded with brightness. One minute the shepherd was dead asleep, the next he was rubbing his eyes and staring into the face of an angel. The night was ordinary no more. Jesus was born – God himself made visible to all. “Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!” (Hymn 87).

God is still dancing amidst the common. At Grace Mission, we see how God is taking the ordinary and doing “extraordinary” things in their lives. Grace is God walking into their world with a sparkle in His eye changing, shaping, and leading them to a life that is eternally altered.

As we approach Advent and Christmas, we are reminded that we are not alone. God has come down from Heaven to tell us He *loves* us and *hope* was borne that first Christmas night! Alleluia!

From all of us at Grace Mission, we want to thank you for your continued support for a ministry that provides *love* and *hope* to others.

May the love and hope of Christmas fill your heart.

Pastor Amanda+

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