

## *All I need*

*“I said to the LORD, ‘You are my LORD; apart from you I have no good thing.’”*

*Psalm 16:2 (NIV)*

Every year I ask the Lord to reveal something new to me about the Christmas story. This Christmas, I’ve been shown what seems to be a simple, fundamental truth that is easy to miss during the busy season.

In February 2002, my family was called to serve as missionaries in the Caribbean region. Except for clothing and some sentimental items, we sold most everything that belonged to us. This included the majority of our Christmas decorations, some of which we’d had most of my life. When our first Christmas on the field came, it was more difficult to be in the “Christmas spirit” because the familiar Christmas decorations were not displayed. The weather wasn’t cold, and we definitely don’t get snow. On top of that, we had no special friends or family to share the joy of the season.

As I sought the Lord, I expected to hear something new about the circumstances surrounding the Christmas story. Instead, what I was shown was the actual heart of Christmas, which in turn changed my own heart. It occurred to me that while all these things symbolize Christmas, all of these things are not Christmas. I learned that Jesus is enough. Jesus is Christmas. When all the stuff—the lights, gifts, trees, food and even friends—was taken away, it came down to Jesus. He is the only reason to be celebrating. I learned that everything I need for Christmas, and for my life, is found in Jesus. Apart from Him, “I have no good thing.”

—SARAH, MIDDLE AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

*Falber,* MAY YOU BE THE FOCUS OF MISSIONARIES WHO ARE AWAY FROM FAMILY DURING DECEMBER. MINISTER TO THEM, AND SHOW EACH ONE, AS WELL AS MISSIONARY CHILDREN, THAT YOU ARE ALL THEY NEED. *Amen.*