

# *New Hope Praise* Kari Collins

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Holy SMOKES it's December!!!  
Hello my New Hope Family,  
New Hope Praise is in full swing of rehearsals for Project Hope. It's Monday as I write this letter to you and I'm recovering from Sunday. New Hope Praise committed their entire Sunday to getting the show built. We all arrived at 8am Sunday morning and left at 5pm. We learned choral parts for two of our songs and did a rough sing through of the 10 songs in our show. We worked!!!



But before we worked, we prayed. We spent about fifteen minutes or so huddled in the front of the Worship center chairs and just spent time talking with the Lord about our church family and making intercession on behalf of our Project Hope Families. The Worship Center felt so still while we prayed together and I admitted that prayer time was the sweetest moment of Sabbath I had tasted that day! I was so relaxed before we all got to work.

This year's show is special. I love the divine messages of the script that Jack wrote. I really think it'll hit home with everyone on some level or another. The storyline is a heavy one- which is the weight we choose to write every year. Like experienced people, we write for the audience we will have and this script is tailored for them and us. But what I think is most special about this year's story is that it will really resonate with all our youngest children in the audience. There will be enormous ministering happening with our youngest guests. Pray with me that we get to see the Holy Spirit do His healing!

Following Project Hope we look forward to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service! My favorite! Because like the stillness and sweet taste of Sabbath mentioned above- Candlelight becomes my moment where I personally experience Christmas in its purest form. It is the one hour of Christmas where there is no other focus but on God. It's the best! I hope to see you all there.



Merry Christmas  
~Kari



**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
6 p.m.**