

Christmas is not just another holiday, Christmas is about Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Jesus is the Light of the world that gives light to every man that comes to him. Jesus is the living water that satisfies all that will drink from His fountain. Jesus is the Bread of Life that feeds the hungry soul. Jesus is the Gate to the sheepfold that keeps out the predator that would harm the sheep. Jesus is the good and great Shepherd that cares for His sheep. Jesus alone leads us to the green pastures and the still waters. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh to the Father but by Him. Jesus is the true Vine that gives life to the branches. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, through Him alone we shall also be raised to be in His very presence. Jesus is the obedient Son that kept all that the Father gave him. Jesus is my Lord, and my Saviour, and I will worship Him this Christmas season!

This is our first Christmas away from home and on the mission field. We will miss our family, no doubt about that, but we are also thankful we are able to be with our new friends here in Guam this Christmas -- our church family. It doesn't seem like Christmas to us here! The weather is in the 80's and 90's each day, and everything is green and healthy. We don't miss the cold and snowy winter weather one bit!

We pray that you will have a wonderful Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our wonderful Saviour. When someone greets you with "Happy Holidays," be sure to return with a joyful "Merry Christmas!"

Thank you so much for your continued support as we minister here on Guam. Souls are coming to Christ, and saints are laboring for their Master. We ask that you pray for Jeff and his family as they travel from Guam to Jeff's next duty assignment at the Great Lakes Naval Base. Please pray for them to find a good church home, and for continued growth in Christ. It is difficult to lose wonderful military families like these, but it's like a good friend recently told me, "It's planting missionaries on the vast mission field."

Over Christmas, we will have some church families returning to the States to see their own families and friends. Please pray for safe travels for them, and continue to pray with us that the Lord of the harvest will bring in souls for His glory during this Christmas season.

From Patty and I to you, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Your Servants, Jim & Patty Bailey