



Happy New Year!

Greetings from Guam,

As a 16-year-old boy, I never dreamed I'd have the opportunity to live out in the middle of the South Pacific on the island of Guam. Serving the Lord as interim pastor here, and the opportunity to serve elsewhere, has been an answer to prayer.

When I was a young Christian, some well known evangelists like B.R. Lakin, Maze Jackson, Bobby Robinson and Lester Roloff came to our area of North Carolina. I recall them preaching about the return of Jesus Christ. Those sermons emphasized the imminent return of Christ, and that sinners would be left behind. Now, we are more than 50 years closer to His return than when I was polishing my red, '63 Chevy. In fact, every sign of His second coming to earth is apparent today. We know there are no signs of the rapture, yet I sense it could occur before you receive this letter. Wouldn't it be great to meet up in the air and journey on to Heaven with Jesus?

The ministry here on Guam has kept us quite busy this past month. Men from the church have been laying block, filling those block with concrete and laying in the rebar. Mixing mortar by hand causes many aches and pains for this old man! I work with Kennedy and Slaiser in my spare time, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship. We are encouraged to see so much progress made on the new building.

Prayer is the primary tool of communication with our Lord Jesus and may be utilized as frequently as we desire. God is always listening, and His Word offers wise counsel.

Patty and I have resolved to, for the coming year, spend more time praying together. Many times we get so caught up doing the work that needs to be done that we neglect prayer time together.

We have been working with a couple here in the church who are going through marital difficulties, and during this time, have seen these unresolved problems taking a great toll on their children. Recently, we began picking up their boys once a week to do

something special with them. Investing time in their lives has manifested itself in grateful, happy and cheerful spirits. It is not so much the activity itself -- one that crosses generational gaps -- but the love and compassion we've been able to show that has made the real difference. Thank God for this opportunity!

We rejoice that \$10,000 was raised by our church and will be matched by Pensacola Christian College to help build the new building. We hope to use these funds to put in windows, doors, and air conditioning.

One of our workers, Bro. Kennedy (also one of our deacons) has been selected for a good job locally. He has been out of work for many months, though certainly not idle. Cutting grass and many other side jobs provided rice for the table. We rejoice with him for this answered prayer.

Patty and I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support. God is so good to provide all our needs. When I retired from Valley Baptist Church one year ago this month, we didn't have the time needed to raise support to do this work, but God has provided in spite of it. The church here graciously provided housing, and Brother Quinlan allowed us to use his vehicles while we are here on the island.

Some of you have inquired as to when we will be leaving Guam and what our plans are. Plans right now are to leave Guam on or around the 25th of February. We hope to first travel to Manila, Philippines where I will have some dental work completed. From there, we plan to fly to Waegwan, South Korea the second week of March. We will be working with Grace Baptist Church (Associated with Armed Forces Baptist Missions) until June 13th.

On June 13th, we plan to fly to Whakatane, New Zealand, where I will fill the pulpit temporarily for Pastor Lewis Howell at Sonshine Baptist Church while he and his family are on a short furlough. When they return mid-September, we will return to Waegwan, South Korea where we will remain until the new missionary arrives, which should be sometime during the spring, 2017.

We do sincerely wish you a spiritually prosperous and wonderful 2016, and once again, thank you so much for your continued prayer and financial support.

In His Service,

Jim & Patty Bailey

Timeline:

February 25 - Manila, Philippines
Early March - Waegwan, S. Korea
June 13 - Whakatane, New Zealand
Mid September - Waegwan, S. Korea

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