



Seasons Greetings

December 1, 2003

Dear Christian Co-laborers and Friends:

Luke 2:14 says, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill toward all men". With the temperatures hanging around the ninety-degree mark, it is hard to believe that it is time once again to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ's birth. "Glory to God for His unspeakable gift, His Son Jesus Christ.

In the month of September, we had a joint communion service with the Faith Baptist Church. (Brother Paul Zimmer's church in the North). What a blessing it was to have over thirty of his people, most who have been saved in the last two years, with us at the Yap Baptist Church. What a joy it was to look out over the congregation and see how our Lord Jesus Christ has been working in the hearts and lives of the people in the North as well as our people here in Central Yap.

Some sow, some water, and some reap, but God gives the increase. To give a very good example of this, we must tell you Al's story. Joe met him a number of years ago and began witnessing to him. Al has diabetes, and during this time lost both of his legs. After this happened Joe began a one on one Bible study with Al. As time passed he also began losing his eye sight. Al listened carefully to what the Bible said as Joe read it to Him, but he did not bow his head and ask Jesus to save him at that time. As you recall from previous letters, Joe broke his leg and had to return to the Sates for four months. When we returned the Lord impressed Joe to go see Al. He started to cry when he saw Joe. Al had asked Jesus Christ into his heart as his Savior, but the Mormons had come along and confused him. Two days before Joe went to see him, Al prayed and ask the Lord to show him exactly what the right way was and what church he should join. Al believed that he should be baptized. Joe asked him if he believed that he needed to be baptized to be saved? He said absolutely not, but that he might obey God's word. On the first Sunday in November Al was baptized in the ocean. At that time he gave a beautiful testimony of how the Lord had worked in his heart and saved him and that he was trusting Jesus Christ to go to heaven. On the Monday after he was baptized, Al called and asked to be put on the bus route for church on Sunday. What a blessing to have him at church in his wheel chair with a big smile on his face.

Chirp, chirp, chirp! We heard those pesky termites again. First in a classroom floor, so that was fixed. Now they are in the door facing of the same classroom. They are now in the wall of our

prophet's chamber. This is a very big on-going problem on Yap. Please pray that we will be able to get rid of them for good.

It has been a while since we have written about the Chinese workers that are located behind and beside us. In front of our church we have a bench and a tract rack. We try to keep it filled with Chinese tracts and literature. When the workers are off the tract rack is emptied quickly. We have some Chinese Christians which come to church from time to time as their work permits. God has promised that His word will not come back void. Please pray for the Chinese as we provide the seed, God's word.

As Christmas approaches, our young people are getting busy singing Christmas carols and practicing their program. Please pray for them as their number is still growing. One young man recently received Jesus as his Savior.

Glory to God! Jesus Christ has brought peace and Salvation to many hearts here on the island of Yap. Thanks to your faithful prayers and financial support they heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, believed it and received Jesus Christ as their Savior. May each of you enjoy our Lord's richest blessings this Christmas season and through out the new year of 2004.

Serving the Lord on Yap,

Joe and Carolyn Cannon