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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

As this is written I have just been reading in Nehemiah. Six times in the little book the word "remember" occurs. The first time it is directed to the Lord to "remember the word...", claiming God's faithfulness. The second time it is directed to the people to "remember the Lord." As I write the date of this letter I am reminded of a watchword which came into focus when I was a boy – "remember Pearl Harbor" – a "day that would go down in infamy." Then there was September 11, 2001. I remember that too. I shall ever remember being awakened in Majuro at 3:30 A.M. The U.S. ambassador called to tell us of the now-unforgettable attack. Remembrance is a vital part of our lives.

And now we come to the season of remembering one of the three most wonderful pinnacles in human history – the Incarnation of the eternal Son of God to be the Sacrifice for the sins of fallen mankind, that whosoever will come to Him may receive His gift of eternal life. Along with the resurrection and the return of our Lord, these three towers span the ages and bring hope to a lost world which without Christ can have no hope.

Yet it seems the world in large measure is bent on erasing the remembrance of His coming from public consciousness. Oh yes, the world is willing to have a holiday – a festival if you please – only let it not be to honor the King of Glory. I see no other interpretation of this fact except in the light of Rom. 1:28 – "...as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge..." God forbid that any of us should be lulled into that same false thinking!

We continue as representatives of World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. We have had some good meetings and conferences since we last wrote and have some now booked for the future. We would be honored if we could help you in any way for the cause of our Lord and the reaching of the world with the Gospel of Christ. Even as we continue, we have become burdened in this area of Virginia for the Spanish-speaking population who need a clear presentation of the Gospel in their language. To that end we both have begun studying Spanish. Fifty-five years ago I had two years in High School so I have a little familiarity, but need so much more. We hope to soon begin Bible studies in homes using contacts with children who come in on buses to church and two couples who are working with them in English. Our goal is to begin with home studies where people can feel more comfortable together and then develop a nucleus which could be used to begin a Spanish congregation as a mission church in conjunction with Peoples Baptist Church. We will need to begin with a mix of English and Spanish. Some families could handle that, but our desire is to get fully into Spanish as soon as possible. We would appreciate your prayers for this new outreach that souls may come to know the Saviour and be grounded in the Word.

At this special time of the year we thank you for your faithfulness on our behalf. May each of you and yours, from the heart, rejoice in God's greatest of all Gifts – His only-begotten and eternal Son. Feliz Navidad!

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In the service of the King,

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