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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

When we approach the end of a year, we (or at least I) begin to look back and try to examine where we have been, whom we have met, what events have shaped our lives, and what possible effects our ministries have had on others. It has now been sixty years since we began to train for the ministry. A couple of days ago in an early morning reverie I began to remember some of the young people I hadn't heard from for a good many years. I wondered where they are and what they are doing. When we got to church, a family who has two sons at Bob Jones University told me their sons had said that they had met a Marshallese girl who knows us. When we heard her name, we knew she was a graduate of the Majuro Baptist Christian Academy, which was begun when we were in Majuro. We now know of at least three of "our kids" there plus others in other schools.

In our September letter, we wrote of progress in Solid Rock Baptist Church, the new church we have been helping to start. We have met and spent many hours over five or six weeks working on a Church Constitution and Bylaws to present to the church. We received much help from the Christian Law Association and Dr. David Gibbs. What a ministry they have in helping churches organize and protecting them from pitfalls! Last Sunday we presented the congregation with our final draft. It was accepted unanimously by all those voting. Also, the church is now receiving as charter members those who have expressed interest and who qualify.

The church is meeting in an elementary school building. We use the gymnasium for services and the adjoining cafeteria for children's church and possible Sunday School classes. Last week we began Wednesday night prayer meetings and hope to get Sunday night services started in January.

As we come to this most special season of the year, we rejoice in the fact that "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." But let's realize that it occurred in a very dark world. We note that the eighth chapter of Isaiah ends thus: "And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness." Chapter 9 begins with "Nevertheless..." and then follows the great promise – "for unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." As that day was given the promise of His first coming, let us be anticipating His second. With gratitude for your continuing fellowship, we pray you may have a most blessed Christmas season and New Year to follow.

Yours in the service of the King,

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