

# Merry Christmas

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.* —Luke 2:14

December 8, 2015

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

First of all we wish for all of you a very blessed Christmas season. This kind of greeting used to be so commonplace and so much a part of our lives that it might even be thought trite. Not any more! In recent days conditions have changed so much that what once was familiar is now rare and to many offensive. Let's not allow it to be lost. Even if the world has become so secular and even antagonistic to our faith in Christ, let's be sure to hold on to the precious and eternal things.

This week I was looking for some certain letters we had written years ago. I came across some of our Christmas prayer letters and got to reading them. Old memories, some of them forgotten, began to stir our hearts again. God has been so good to us to allow us to see Him move in Majuro, here in the U.S., and also in other parts of the world. We must be getting close to home!

And then this last seventeen months since we started meeting with a group interested in a new church, He has allowed Solid Rock Baptist Church to be located in an elementary school building which we rent in Timberville. We are able to have Sunday morning and evening services, a Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, and four Sunday School classes.

The Lord has worked in hearts, so we have taken on partial support of two agencies and five families as missionaries, and several more are booked to come. In October we instituted our first Faith Promise program. This past Lord's Day we observed our first Lord's Supper -- it was a very special service. Also a couple of months ago, the widow of a pastor who had just a year ago gone to be with the Lord, donated to us a very nice organ which had been in their home. Since we can't use it in the rented school, a lady in our church has it stored in her home until we have a place of our own. We have looked at several properties but don't believe the Lord has shown His will yet. We would appreciate your prayer on this.

Again, dear friends, we wish for each one of you a very special and blessed season commemorating His first coming and anticipating His return. Thanks so much for your faithful standing with us these many years. Maranatha!

In the service of our risen and coming Lord,

*Stanley and Marvina Clive*