



# FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

December 2008

Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

The message of the angels of old was that there was no need to fear, because the news was good and of "great joy." What a blessing it is to know today that that same message is for all who have trusted in the Person of this message and need not fear, but instead have great joy in knowing that Jesus has saved us, and that we have no need to have fear of this world's troubles, nor of the judgment to come. Praise His precious Name for coming to save us!

Well, another year has almost passed, and as we reflect on the blessings of that time, we have much to praise our Lord for. In 2008, we were blessed with good health and strength to continue in the ministry for the Lord. We were blessed to see Him provide and guide in the ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church. God blessed Lighthouse Baptist Church with a building in a miraculous way. God blessed with new folks in the church and sustained the faithful ones that have been through the time of testing and building. God has blessed us with precious folks like you to stand with us and hold the lifeline as we try to rescue some souls from drowning in the dark sea of false religion. God has blessed us with some new co-laborers in the work. God blessed us with some precious folks to stand in for us while we take a short furlough. We have been blessed to have the opportunity of fellowship with our family after more than six years. We are blessed to have a wonderful place to stay during furlough, with no cost. We want to thank the Lord for all of these blessings and give Him praise for all of it.

There have been wonderful reports from the work in Guam. There have been some new faces and new workers in the church, and as many as fourteen first-time visitors in one service and first-time visitors frequently. God provided that building for such as this. We pray that it will be a landmark and a lasting testimony to the glory of God.

We want to thank you faithful and patient folks for your patience with our being so infrequent in reporting to your church. It seems a bit overwhelming, as we want to report to each and every one of our supporting churches, but in five months, it is impossibility. We are trying to reach the ones that have been the longest and the ones that have new pastors. Since September 2, we have driven over 7000 miles and that does not include the personal miles to see family and take care of personal business. If we are not able to reach you during this furlough, please bear with until we can have more time to report as we would like and as we should.

Please keep us before the Throne of Grace that the Lord will continue to give us health and strength and safety as we travel and as we return to the island of Guam on January 22. We rely heavily on your support financially and spiritually in prayer. We love and appreciate you and trust the Lord to bless you with the best year yet in remembering the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and as you begin 2009.

Thank you again for all that you are doing and have done for this ministry and this missionary family.

God bless you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Christ,

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