



# JESUS, THE PERFECT GIFT

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Dear Precious Friends, Family and Co-Laborers,

We send you greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ from the beautiful, green island of Guam. With all the tropical greenery it sometimes causes these highlanders to let this very special season slip up on us. Then, we are reminded of the very special season when we need to visit the stores and drive the roads. Many people are looking for the "perfect gift" for family and loved ones. Actually, the One Who IS the "Perfect Gift" came for us many years ago. This "PERFECT GIFT," the Lord Jesus Christ, far exceeds anyone or anything that this world could afford for us.

Some material gifts have been described as "the gift that keeps on giving." Again Jesus, the Giver, and the Gift are eternal-eternal life. How we thank Him for His wonderful grace and His eternal salvation. Truly, this is an "unspeakable gift."

Gospel Light Baptist Church enjoyed a blessed time last month observing a time of special thanks to our Lord for all He has done. We were blessed with 26 souls attending services and enjoying some good food and fellowship. Some of these were first-time visitors. There were no outward professions of salvation, but everyone received a clear presentation of the Gospel.

We thank God for His blessings in keeping us going. Doris and I will soon celebrate 57 years of marriage. It was January 1980 that Brother Ripley Fleming and I stepped on to the tarmac in Majuro, Marshal Islands. Since that time we have either been in the islands of Micronesia or trying to get here. This is difficult to realize that it has been 35 years ago. How we thank God for the blessings and the lessons He has taught us through the mountains and the valleys.

Doris and I want to thank you sincerely for your prayers and allowing us to be your fellow laborers here in Merizo. What an honor to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. We often thank God for the faithful churches and the precious saints of God who labor and give sacrificially that we can be here. Our folks are frequently made aware of how this takes place.

It is our prayer that each of you will be blessed with much joy and fellowship during this Christmas season as you visit with family and friends. We all must keep our hearts and minds on the One Who we honor. He stepped from the perfect presence of the Father to give Himself for our sacrifice and to give us life in His precious name. We must not leave Him out of the celebration.

Because of Jesus,

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