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Dear Faithful Friends and Family,

We pray that the reason for the celebration of this season will make Jesus Christ real to each of us, and we will rejoice and give glory to God for the supernatural event that brought the gift of eternal life to ALL WHO BELIEVE. We should do as the shepherds did when they saw Jesus. "They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

Galatians 4:4 informs us that this was done in the fullness of time. Though the events of our lives pale in comparison to this event that was planned before the foundation of the world, the Hurst family has seen and experienced God's perfection of timing very clearly in this past year of 2016. This confirms in our hearts that the God we serve is in control of His work and His laborers.

In 2012, many were sure these old missionaries were ready to head for the rocking chairs on the front porch. God in His perfect timing placed us back to the island people we love and allowed us a good term (if there is such a thing) to lay the foundation and establish a location for the Gospel Light Baptist Church in the village of Merizo, Guam. We began with just "Ma and me and the Lord." God blessed in that time with souls saved and growth in the small group of people.

Due to a very serious health issue, it became evident that soon it would be necessary to get Doris back to the mainland where we could have the time to better care for her. God's timing allowed us to spend some time with our beloved family, the Quinlans. How we miss them and thank God for them and their faithful labor in Lighthouse Baptist Church. We were also blessed with some fellowship with the Baileys as they filled in during the Quinlans' furlough. **Great timing!**

In the meantime, the Lord was blessing in the ministry of the Henderson family through their deputation ministry. As the Lord supplied a large percentage of their support, it seemed for a short time to be on hold. At the same time, we felt a strong urgency to get Doris back to the mainland for more eyes on her health issue. When it seemed to us that time was becoming a very strong factor, God blessed the Hendersons with the needed support. We were able to overlap in time with their arrival, introduce them to the folks, and at least have a place for them to stay. Again, **perfect timing by God.**

Thankfully, we have been able to see the medical folks about Doris' health issue, and we have been informed that the medical folks in Guam had done what was right in their mind. God has given us TIME on this end too. We have had TIME with family that was long overdue. We have had TIME to adjust to the change in weather before the chilling temperatures arrived.

Though we sorely miss our folks and the place we called home for 25 years, we thank God and praise His blessed Name for all that He has done for us and through us in this year 2016. We also want to thank each of you for making it possible to go and to labor in God's harvest field. The work goes on being built on the only real Foundation, Jesus Christ.

We pray the Lord to bless each of you with a close walk with Him and a joyful time with family giving thanks to God for the unspeakable Gift, Jesus Christ our Savior.

WE ALSO PRAY YOU WILL HAVE A BLESSED AND JOYFUL SEASON CELEBRATING
THE INCARNATION OF GOD THE SON!

Because of Christ,

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Unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given ...

Isaiah 9:6