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Dear family, friends and fellow laborers,

It seems unreal that we have spent another year here on this globe, but once again we pray God to bless each one of you with a wonderful time of observing and enjoying the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is certainly an event to give all of us joy and rejoice that our sin debt has been paid and never to be remembered. Without the incarnation, we would not have Calvary or the resurrection. How thankful we are that it was all accomplished through God the Son.

This past year has brought some memorable experiences in our lives. The Lord blessed with a number of open doors of service for His glory. As we moved into 2018, we continued with the challenge of Alzheimer's continuing with Doris. God has provided the grace to be a caretaker. There has been some increase in the need for care in this year. We have been blessed with some meetings in our supporting churches. In this past year, God has called a family to take over the responsibility of pastoring at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Guam. The church voted strongly to call this man and his family. I am thankful for the work of the Quinlan family and the work that was done to prepare for this milestone in the church. The Henderson family have had a fruitful ministry in the work in Merizo at Gospel Light Baptist Church. Souls are being saved and discipled. World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions has given us an opportunity to try and help in encouraging the other missionaries in a ministry called E-Barnabas. It is still getting a slow start, but we hope that we can be a help and encouragement to our fellow missionaries.

As for family, we were able to welcome home our grandson from a deployment in Mosul, Iraq. We saw a son-in-law go to and come back from Afghanistan. We have two of our grandchildren married during the year. It is a bit early, but we look forward to our great grandkids. Doris recently had a fall from a hotel bed and has a "compression fracture" in one of the lumbar vertebrae. We were told that it would heal itself and no surgery will be needed. We are very thankful for that.



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On December, Doris and I will have been married for 60 years. We are thankful for that blessing. God has been extremely gracious to take us through the good times and the troublesome times. He has been far better to us than we deserve. After our marriage and three precious children, God, by His marvelous grace, allowed us to spend the years since 1978 as missionaries. Thirty-seven of those we were privileged to serve in the islands of Micronesia. That is an undeserved honor, but what a blessing to see our Lord build His work. We still enjoy many friendships that will last on into eternity, both on the field and in serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. There are churches that still stand with us that have faithfully supported us since we first deputed. We thank God for the precious friendships and value every one of them as precious gifts from God.

In closing, we want to thank each of you who have been a part of our ministry in this year and the years past for your support and patience with us, especially through these challenging times of health issues. We long and plan to be more productive as the Lord helps us through this huge challenge.

Again, we pray the Lord will bless you with a wonderful time of family and celebration of our Lord's Incarnation and His salvation. I pray we can see and hear of many souls coming to Him for salvation through this season and a blessed and fruitful 2019.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst