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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CHURCH

"For unto you is born this day, a Savior which is Christ the Lord..."

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

"And they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

From a White Christmas at Grace Baptist Church in Madison, Indiana, to a tropical Christmas on Pohnpei, Micronesia. One year in the states surely can spoil an islander. We're already missing Walmart, the malls, and Goodwill, too. As winter approaches, you not only can hear Christmas in the air, but you can also feel it (well, not the way the statesiders do, like the drop in temperature, freezing mornings, and so forth).

Once again, we hear His wonderful, lovely, glorious, and matchless Name proclaimed by school choirs, the church choir, through the radios and the televisions, in the small stores, big stores, hardware stores, restaurants, and even the liquor stores. Most of our stores are now selling Christmas decorations from the states like holly wreaths, tinsels, plastic Douglas firs and pine trees, some of them covered with white powder. The best sellers items are Christmas lights and Christmas cds and cassettes.

Please pray for our Bible study at Pohnpei Island Central High School (PICS). We had nine students trusted the Lord in October. We are asking our churches and friends for a good, simple Bible study correspondence course to use to disciple them. We need sixty booklets plus the same number of The Wilds-Were Singing songbooks. The last three weeks, we have been pulpit filling for our mission church in U village, about 20 miles away. The pastor took his family for R & R on Guam.

Our people are looking forward to celebrating Christmas, the island way. Our church choir have started practicing Christmas hymns and songs. The Sunday school teachers have their work cut out for them. Not only will each class be singing, but a Christmas play will be part of the program. Each class will be buying gifts with their own Christmas fund. It is also a day of mixed emotion for the swine herd, as some of them will be sacrificed for the church family Christmas meal.

Calvary Christian Academy is busy, practicing their Christmas cantata, both the high school and elementary levels. As is the schools tradition, we are expecting an overflow audience of parents, relatives, and friends. This has become an annual highlight on our island since the beginning of CCA. Pray that lost souls may be saved.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT, AND GIFTS. WE MISS YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH AND WE ARE WISHING ALL OF YOU A MOST WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS.

