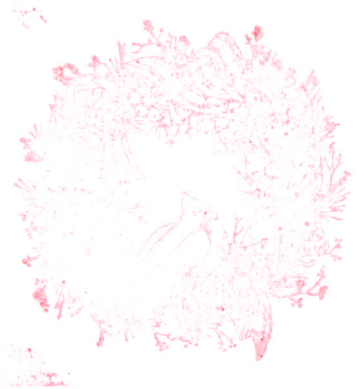


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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE JOEL FAMILY TO ALL.

*Just as soon as we ate the left-overs from the thanksgiving celebration, the Christmas season is upon us or "just around the corner". Today is November 30th and already almost all the stores are selling Christmas decorations and trinkets. The old adage "Are you waiting for Christmas?" seems to be inappropriate, yet in retrospect, the need of a notebook of "Thank You Lord for..." is definitely appropriate. Let's not forget to thank God for His **Unspeakable Gift: His only begotten Son.***

Our school's annual Pilgrim and Indian Day went really well. The elementary students dressed up just like the original Indians and Pilgrims did; however, the unique factor here is that most of the participants are brown skinned, even the Pilgrims. As school administrator, I was chosen to judge and declare the winning costumes so I volunteered the school chaplain to help me. All first, second, and third place winners received a basket of fruits each. Immediately after that, all the teachers and parents watched and cheered as the primary and elementary students competed in all kinds of games. From eight o'clock to twelve, the campus was like a circus. Somehow, the High Schoolers were able to have their Praise Chapel service amidst all the screamings and hooplahs. Six alumni's gave their testimonies on how Calvary Christian Academy spiritually impacted their lives, even years after graduation.

Our Sunday School cantata this Christmas will be the same one that our high school will perform a week ahead, so many will see the same program twice, but the performers will be different. Pray for unsaved parents of our students and relatives. We always have the church auditorium packed out. Our new Bible Club kids from the Catholic village (about 15 of them) will be divided among the church members who volunteer to prepare a box of "Christmas Gifts" for each one. We encouraged them to invite their parents to attend the Christmas program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FAITHFUL SUPPORT. MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE TRULY MERRY AND BRIGHT