

# JOY to the WORLD

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## SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY

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*"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15*

Because of our limited travel schedule and ministry focus right now, we are sending this letter out as our November/December prayer letter with the desire to wish you a most blessed Christmas this year. I hope this letter finds you well, and that our great God is richly blessing you during this "holiday" season. The world sees this time of year a whole lot differently than we do. While the world is wrapped up in materialistic festivity coupled with the inability to be satisfied, we are lifting our voices and thanking God for what He has given to us. *"For God so loved the world that He gave . . ."* (John 3:16)

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. God's love is so wonderfully manifested in His giving that it leaves us speechless. We just cannot ever find the words to adequately thank God for giving us His Son, giving us eternal life through His Son, and giving us the power to become the sons of God. Regardless of our inability to fully express our gratitude, I am just plain thankful that *". . . God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."* (I Timothy 3:16) As we move toward the Christmas season, we are indeed thankful for His unspeakable gift. God is most certainly worthy of our thanks for all the gifts that He has given us and will continue to give to us. As you read this letter you will certainly see what God has given to us.

First of all, we thank God for your continued prayers and support. These are gifts that are beyond value, and yet pay eternal dividends. We thank God that He has given you the burden to pray for us and to support us.

As I mentioned in our last letter we have no meetings scheduled for November or December and have therefore concentrated our efforts in helping Fellowship Baptist Church while they are without a pastor. We praise God that we are able to report to you that God has given us a candidate for the position of pastor. Please pray for the pulpit committee as they interview and interact with Philip Boseman. Brother Boseman is a great preacher with a warm heart for the pastorate. God has laid him on our hearts and in turn has laid us on his heart. Pray that God would show us clearly whether or not Philip Boseman is God's man for Fellowship Baptist Church. Pray for me

as I continue to help this church in the interim.

We are also happy to report to you that God has given us a new opportunity in the area of missionary relief. As most of you know, the doors to serving God in Pohnpei have closed due to the COVID pandemic. We thank God that He has opened a new door of opportunity. In a little less than a year, we will be packing our bags and heading to the tiny island of Tinian in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. There, we will be relieving missionaries Roger and Elizabeth Workman. They will be on furlough for about ten months. At the moment, we are scheduled to arrive in Tinian in October, 2022. This will not be a new experience, and we are overjoyed to once again relieve this missionary family after so many years. While on the mission field in Saipan, our ministry of helps began when God allowed us the opportunity to relieve this family on three different occasions over a nine year span of time. We are very familiar with the island and the people of Calvary Baptist Church, and look forward to this opportunity of service. Pray for us as we prepare for this furlough relief trip.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving with our youngest daughter Priscilla and her family, and that includes her husband's parents, Tom and Becky Sanquist, who joined us for Thanksgiving Day dinner. Tom pastors Concord Bible Church, one of our supporting churches. Also during Thanksgiving, our oldest daughter Cherith came down from New Jersey with her children and not only visited us, but also her siblings in the area. We are planning on having several family members join us during the week of Christmas and look forward to this time with them. We hope that you will have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends, and I know you will be joining us in thanking God for His unspeakable gift. God bless you as you reflect on God's goodness throughout this past year.

May God's richest blessings be upon you in the days ahead. We will write again at the end of January. In the meantime, pray for us. Pray that we will carefully follow God's leading in our lives and serve Him faithfully.

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