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**“THANKS BE  
UNTO GOD FOR HIS  
UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.”  
II Corinthians 9:15**

Hafa adai (or hello) From Tinian,

We have decided to make this our end-of-the-year {November-December} prayer letter. With Christmas just around the corner we did not want to miss the opportunity to wish all of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! We pray that this time of year will be an especially good one for each and every one of you, as we celebrate God's greatest gift to man. We have just come from celebrating Thanksgiving, and as we begin looking toward Christmas, the above verse says it all. May all of us give thanks to God for sending His Son Jesus Christ. May all of us be thankful for the salvation that we have in Christ!!

God kept us quite busy during November and continued to richly bless us our ministry here. I thank God for the time He has given me to study the Word and prepare for each church service. Every service has been sweet, and we have felt the power of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our worship. We thank God for the faithful members of our church who continue to hunger and thirst after righteousness. I am excited about how God is using us, and your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Tinian is beginning to see an increase in U.S. military personnel, and we have a real burden to reach them with the gospel. The U.S. military controls approximately seventy-five percent of the island, and it appears that they are preparing Tinian to be a base of operations, thus lightening the load of personnel on Guam. On Veteran's Day we had the privilege of attending a memorial celebration for our veterans. We were blessed to meet many of the navy and marines stationed here.

A few weeks before Veteran's Day, God laid it on my heart to invite all of the navy and marine personnel to church on the Sunday following Veteran's Day. My desire was to honor them with a meal after the morning service. It took a lot of planning, but praise God for His grace in helping us to be ready. We had four soldiers come to church and several more come to the meal. We had the opportunity to give a Bible to each one and then preach a timely gospel message. We were blessed to have the

commanding officer attend our services, and he asked if he could take more Bibles back to the "barracks." Praise the Lord!! The seed has been planted, and we praise God that over the last two Sundays in November we have had two Navy Seabees return and visit us. Please pray for Christian and Teddy, who have both shown a lot of interest in the Lord. Pray that they will be saved.

Also in November, we were invited to participate in the Thanksgiving activities at Calvary Baptist Church in Saipan. We left Tinian early on Thanksgiving Day, and spent a wonderful day with Pastor Matthew and Barbara Furan and our dear friends to whom we ministered for so many years. It was a tremendous blessing to see how the church has grown. What a blessing to be with old friends and to fellowship with new ones.

Please pray for us as we seek to be a good witness during December. Like everywhere else, people's minds are on Christmas. While we realize that most people do not have Christ in mind, we want to be able to share the real meaning of Christmas and be a good testimony to the people here in Tinian. Christmas falls on Sunday this year, and we look forward to the activities of that day. We will have our regular morning service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We have invited the entire church to come to our house on Sunday night for a Christmas meal and fellowship time. Pray that all will go smoothly. Please pray that some of our military friends will join us on this day.

We want to thank all of you who have called us, written to us, and encouraged us by taking the time to communicate with us. We are well and extremely content with the opportunity to help the Workmans while they are on furlough. God has given us great peace, and we thank Him for His continued presence and provisions while we minister here in Tinian. God bless you in the days ahead, and may each of you have a wonderful Christmas. We will write again after the New Year. May the New Year bring God's richest blessings your way!

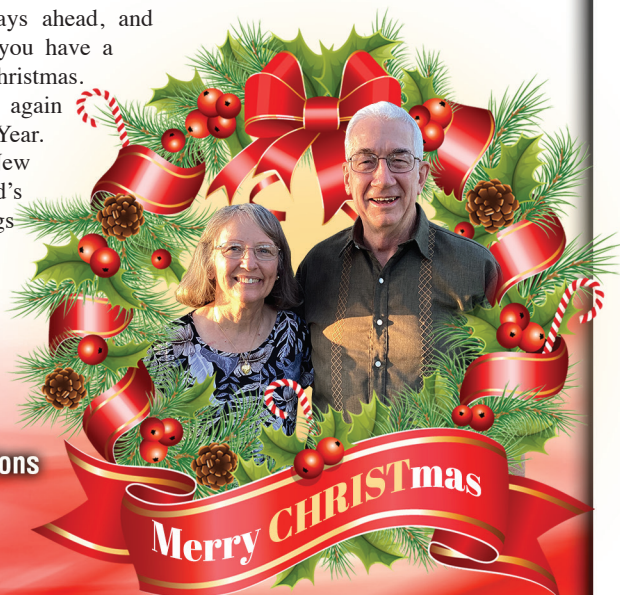
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“Above are the four soldiers that joined us for our morning service. They are from left to right - - Cody (commanding officer), Teddy, Joshua, and Christian. Pray for these men.”



“Above are some members of Calvary Baptist Church here in Tinian posing with some of the additional soldiers that joined us for a delicious meal after church.”



“Above are some of the members of Calvary Baptist Church in Saipan to whom we ministered for so many years. What a joy to be with them again and to see that they have remained faithful in their walk with God!!”



“Here we are with Matthew and Barbara Furan. Matthew is the new missionary pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. The Furans have been ministering in Saipan for a little less than two years, and it is thrilling to see how the church has grown and prospered under his ministry.”



“Here we are listening to a Thanksgiving message right before eating a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.” The message was timely, the food was great, and the fellowship was so very precious.”



“Just some of the many island dishes that made up a fantastic Thanksgiving meal.”