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Dear Friends,

We want to take this opportunity to say **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and we trust you will have many spiritual blessings as we celebrate our Lord's birth this month. We are thankful for additional opportunities for getting out the gospel during December with special programming and church ministries.

The Lord has been good, and we have enjoyed His many blessings. We now have people attending our Bible Study from the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nepal, & Chuuk. The couple we sent to Bible College is doing well, and we look forward to the day they will go out to serve.

We continue to get good opportunities to present the gospel. I was able to do a nation wide radio broadcast which was also on the internet for the occasion of the signing of a new Compact between the U.S. and the FSM. The U.S. has agreed to give 110 million a year over the next 20 years in aid to this developing country. I was asked by the President's office to moderate the broadcast. During the broadcast I took the opportunity to invite people to our Baptist churches on each of the islands. I received several comments in regard to the interviews I had with the U.S. chief negotiator and the FSM senators. It seem that people were not so much interested in the speeches as the contents I was able to bring out from the interviews.

A couple of months ago we had a referendum on constitutional amendments. The election office invited me to broadcast the results. I was surprised when I got there to find out that the government station was not invited. When we first started 15 years ago I was refused entry and now after it was all over they sent me a check for my help. The Lord continues to open doors to us which is building our audience to present the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ruth Ann is once again teaching speech at Calvary Christian Academy. She also teaches an English Sunday School class for ladies. They are now studying "Portraits of Christ in Isaiah."

We praise the Lord for a special year. In July we celebrated going to the field 35 years ago, and in September we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for your faithfulness to us in prayer and financial support. We appreciate it and you as you serve the Lord in this way.

In His love,

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