



ALL IS *Calm* ALL IS *Bright*

December 2025

Dear precious brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I pray as this year 2025 draws to a close, that we are already looking beyond to a brand-new year to serve our Lord and Savior. I thank our Lord for the precious time with which He has blessed us. Looking back on our ministry in years gone by, though mightily blessed, it seems so small compared to what Jesus has done for us.

God has blessed me with a measure of health that keeps me moving. I thank Him for the ability to keep moving and to do a little for His glory. My planned dates have not worked out so well, but there are others that I hope will work. I have a January 14 visit with the neurologist, and I hope that will be the last delay. If so, we can start making another set of dates and plans. I am already making plans for shipping. It seems that there is not as much as in the past due to Pastor King's preparations. The fact that there is only one person to ship for also cuts the needs more. That is a real blessing, though I will sorely miss my partner.

I am so very thankful for each of you and the churches that have stood so faithfully by us through the times of trial. I am sure that some had doubts about my return, and I understand. As soon as I get the issues with the medical people settled, I hope to give you a departure date for Guam.

It is my prayer that you all will enjoy a blessed Christmas and a time of family fellowship. Also, I pray it will be a blessed time of worship to our Lord and Savior.

A verse of Scripture often referenced at this time of year is Isaiah 9:6. As I recently meditated on that passage, the first three words drew my attention. "*For unto us*" clearly draws attention to the purpose and goal that God has in mind. He could have said, "I want you to see my Son," or "I will show you a great miracle." He would have been just, for no one else could have done this. It is a clear demonstration of His amazing grace in that He is extending to the human race, which has sinned against him and become unworthy of His love and grace, a continued love and a means of salvation. Oh, how HE loves us! HE SO LOVED US, HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, to pay a debt we could not pay.

At Christmas and every moment, we need to worship and love Him with a thankful heart and glorify His name more than the lights and material objects of this world.

God bless each of you, and have a wonderful Christmas.

Because of Christ,
Elwood Hurst

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.
Isaiah 9:6

