



# *Unto us a Son is given*

Christmas 2018

I love the Christmas season! This is my favorite time of the year for many reasons. I love the music, the traditions, the decorations, and the joyous spirit, but most of all, I love the fact that the whole world must acknowledge that our Savior came from heaven to earth. They may not accept Him as such, but they must acknowledge that a man named **JESUS** who claimed to be the Son of God was born in Bethlehem. That is an established fact!

Of course, you and I do acknowledge that truth and we know that He is our Savior, Lord, Messiah and King! What a blessed joy that we can celebrate His coming and the truth that He was born to die for our sins, not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world! (1 John 2:2) Hallelujah!

At this Christmas season many of us will be with family and friends enjoying the many and varied traditions, but don't forget our military and their families as many will be away serving in various parts of the world. Some troops will be deployed to the war zones far away from home, family and friends. Please join me in prayer for these as we enjoy our Christmas celebrations.

Also, please pray for our military missionaries, many of whom are serving overseas. These men and women are willing to leave their homeland and family to serve our military and preach the Gospel to them. They, too, will be lonely and miss their extended families back home. We also ask you to pray especially for the Simensen family. Brother Larry was called to Glory on Sunday morning, November 25, as he finished his course here on earth. He was a good missionary and faithfully served our Lord. Of course, this will be the family's first Christmas without him. Pray for them as they adjust to their temporary "loss."

Please pray also for Don and Patsy Drake as they leave on December 12 for Spain where they will start a new church in Moron near the American military base. This will be the first military church in that area.

Joyce and I want to wish you all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a most joyous **NEW YEAR** in Jesus. We know not what this next year may hold, but we **KNOW** it will be good because of the fact that King Jesus is on the throne. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support of this ministry to the American military in different parts of the world. We love you and remain...

In Christ's Service,

*Jeff & Joyce Alverson*

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