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Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires, even the name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

Isaiah 24:15

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

Two weeks from the date of this letter our days in the States for this time will be history. We have been in and reported to thirty-one of our supporting churches since returning in January. Several of these now have new pastors whom we had not met previously, but whom we have now learned to know and with whom we are delighted to be co-laborers.

We have been busy during this time not only with our meetings in the churches but also with setting up a base for future operations with our mission board. We have now bought a home near Harrisonburg, Virginia, which is our native "stomping ground." For the years of our ministry in Majuro all of our belongings have been in storage and now in March it was moving day (actually days). We moved all of our things out of the storage unit and brought them to our place by U-Haul truck. It has been a moving experience – and you can put any interpretation on that that you want.

Some interested folks have donated equipment for our office. This equipment has already proved to be a real blessing. We told these folks that they had done enough through the years in supplying needs to us and the work in Majuro. Their reply was simply, "You will need it and we want to do it – it's our part of the ministry." Just one more illustration of Phil. 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

When we arrive back in Majuro we will have to hit the ground running. We will be just days away from opening summer school, and we will need to "catch up" on preparations that have been made as well as implement other things that may not have been foreseen. On July 13 we plan to meet with Helmer for examination looking forward to his ordination on Sunday, July 14. Assuming all goes well, we anticipate that the Majuro Independent Baptist Church will call him to be their national pastor. Then following summer school we will need to get ready for the opening of the next school year including third grade. We anticipate 110 kids.

When we wrote in March we said we expected to return to Majuro in June for approximately one month to close out our affairs and turn the work over to others. Now due to some unforeseen uncertainties it appears we will be staying in Majuro for up to four months, hoping to see these new developments settled during this period of time. Please continue to pray for the right personnel and a smooth school beginning. Sufficient qualified staff and classroom space will always be challenges for the school to face during the coming years. When we return to the States we plan to begin our new responsibilities with the mission board as described in our March letter.

We are deeply grateful for the reactions and expressions of support for our new work with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions by nearly all of the supporting churches that we have talked to so far. As we prepare for this change we still covet your prayers and <u>please</u> keep praying for the work in Majuro and the Marshall Islands.

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