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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

The old song says, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." -- Majuro style, that is. No, it's not snowing and no, the air conditioners haven't been turned off -- intentionally, that is. (We did have a three-hour power outage this morning which gave us a taste of "Life in the Hot Lane".) We did see a pair of snowmen today at a gas station. The larger of the two is approximately six feet tall. By the way, "snow" in Majuro is spelled S-T-Y-R-O-F-O-A-M. At any rate it seems we are fast coming to the end of another year and entering into that very special and very wonderful time of the year when we commemorate the Incarnation -- "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...". May the next part of that verse also be true to us -- "We beheld His glory!" With all the tinsel and tawdry trappings of the season, only the truly "born-again" ones have a legitimate right to rejoice in the season, for only they can recognize this "hinge of history" for what it truly is. It is indeed God's perfect timing for His perfect plan to provide His perfect salvation that man might be perfectly reconciled to Him. Well wrote Paul to the Galatians, "When the fulness of the time was come...", and well wrote Charles Wesley in the beloved carol, "God and sinners reconciled." I find I must repeatedly remind myself that "His train runs on time."

Speaking of time, the last time we wrote in September we said we had nearly one-half of K4 registered for the 2003-2004 school year. Now we are full and have closed registrations for next year, while others are on a waiting list hoping for a cancellation. I realize it's nine months until school begins again, but there is much to do in that short time. (If you question the use of "short" in relation to nine months, consider that nothing moves very fast here unless you are standing on an ant hill.) We must get our land lease renegotiated and agreed to by the landowners. Our property line, although surveyed, is being disputed by a neighboring landowner, and this needs to be settled before beginning to build a new school building. Then the building project will take much time. So now you can see why nine months is a short time. Also we plan to open fourth grade and need additional teaching staff.

On top of all this is our desperate need to find people who are willing to come and head up this part of the ministry. Those who are already in other phases of the ministry are not interested in overseeing this too. We have been thinking in terms of those on mission support and so far that has produced nothing. Now we are considering someone who might come on a salaried basis. The need is great, the situation is desperate, and the time is short. We have no desire to see this ministry die on the vine. Were it not for our ages and the obligations we have assumed based on projected conditions on the field, perhaps the situation would look a bit differently. Where are the laborers?"

We want our supporters to know at the end of another year that we greatly appreciate your faithful support over the years even until now. May the Lord bless each one and find you in His perfect will for you.

'Til He comes again,

Stanley and Myrvin Cline