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Dear friends and lifeline holders,

We greet you once again in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

I know of no other time in our ministry that Proverbs 3:5-7 has been more real. In our last letter we stated that we would be departing in January or February. In the past few weeks we have been very busy trying to get things ready to go. We have made preparations for Mom's business so that my sister and brother can handle it on a short visit. We have been packing and shipping boxes-some have already arrived in Guam. We have also been in some meetings. Mom's condition has required the emergency room twice and once proceeded to the hospital for more intensive care. The days just seem to shrink more and more.

At this writing our tickets are in the mail to us. **Our scheduled departure is March 14. We will depart from Greenville, SC** in order to see some of our family before leaving. The bright and early departure time is 6:30 AM.

It would be impossible for us to express to all of you our gratitude to our Lord for His blessings and for your patience and understanding during this extended stay in the mainland. We had no idea that we would remain here this long when we came in to contact churches and help my mother. We have learned afresh that it is God that gives and takes life and assigns the experiences that lie between those two points in time. We were informed in January of 2000 that my mother had a disease that would take her life in eight to twelve months.

We thank the Lord for the time He has allowed us to be by her side and try to help in any way possible. Mom is now in a full-time care facility of the hospital. She can get her shots and, if necessary, be carried to the emergency room quickly and easily by the hospital staff. She, as well as this missionary, finds it difficult to part, but the time has come to return and return we must. My brother and sister will also visit as often as possible from North Carolina. Please pray for Mom that this will not go so hard, since it will probably be the last time we see one another this side of heaven.

We thank the Lord for the new friends and supporters that we have met since being here. We thank the Lord for the open doors to many churches. We thank Him for blessing the meetings. We thank Him for safety in travel for over fifty thousand miles. We also thank Him for the Heaths who have been such a blessing in the work in Guam while we were gone. Please pray with us that there will be a good transition and that the work will continue to grow at Lighthouse Baptist Church. Please pray for the Heaths also as they go to their next work.

Our new address will be **P. O. Box 7015, Agat, Guam 96928**. We have not made the e-mail arrangements yet. When we do we will let you know. Our e-mail will probably be cut off here about March 5-7. We will send a notice via e-mail before it is turned off.

Again, thank you sincerely for your faithful support. We are keenly aware that in these recent days especially many are having to sacrifice to keep the missionaries on the field. It is our desire to be a blessing to you and bring glory to the Lord that will be to your account at the Bema of Christ. Please pray for us and we will be in prayer for all of you.

Until we report from Guam, we will be praying for you and trusting the Lord to bless you with His very best.

Because of Christ,

*Elwood and Donie Hurst*