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Dear praying friends,

Once again greetings from the little dot where America's day begins and the typhoons pass.

Please accept our apology for the delinquency of this report. We didn't forget. We didn't procrastinate this time it has just been a bit challenging for the last few weeks.

The work is going great. As usual, during the summer vacation time there are folks that go for the annual vacation time to the mainland and other places. It has been great to see the folks that did not vacate step into the work and fill in. That includes a young lady on the keyboard who had never played for a congregation. She is doing a good work. I am so thankful for the folks that our Lord put into the Lighthouse Baptist Church.

We now have the draft copy of the constitution in hand and ready to present to the church to pray and consider. This is necessary for us to become an indigenous church as far as the government is concerned. Your prayer would be appreciated in this as we consider this important step in charting the course of the church.

There has been no new word on the land for the church. We were made aware of a parcel of land in a prime location for a church in our community and are 2 acres in size. We have approached the owner and found that the property is for sale and there is even a consideration of donation. Please pray with us that if the Lord was pleased He would let us have that property to build a church on. That would allow us to use the funds that the Lord has provided toward a building. We are praying and waiting on the Lord for His will.

This month has been very challenging. The last week in June we were made aware of a typhoon forming in the area of Chuuk Islands. That storm dropped 20 inches of rain in 24 hours causing landslide that took about 50 lives. The same storm moved toward Guam and on July 4 reached us with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour. In the past there has been some false reports of snakes hanging like spaghetti from the trees. Well, maybe they were here after a typhoon and saw wires like they are now hanging like spaghetti. The power, water and telephone all were down for a while. We had no water from the public system from July 4 until July 19. The power came back on on July 17 and went back off on July 19. We have been told that we don't know when it will be back on since there are many transformers out and none on the island to replace them.

Our personal damage was just water. We got 10 inches of rain in 24 hours. One of our members watched from a concrete structure as the wind swept the main part of his home away. We have been busy helping to rebuild. This man is unemployed. Please pray for him. There were others that had water damage, but we praise the Lord that there were no lives lost.

Five days after that storm passed we went up with the boards again with the warning of a second typhoon. We are so thankful that it passed to the south of us and we only got about 60—70 miles per hour wind.

Please pray for our folks. They are weary for long hot nights with little sleep. Our house for several days was 90 degrees inside with 65 % humidity. Recovery is still in progress and we are back to our regular schedule at the church and thankfully we now have electricity there. There is a good spirit there and we have even had some visitors.

Thank you for allowing us to be you missionary to the island of Guam. We are excited about the folks that the Lord has sent our way and for reaching the community for the Lord. You are our lifeline and we sincerely appreciate your prayers and sacrificial giving to keep us here in the Lord's vineyard.

Because of Christ,



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