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Dear lifeline holders,

Greetings from the land where "America's day begins"-tanyo i Chamorro (the land of the Chamorro).

Well, folks I had planned to have this in the mail in time for the Christmas holiday, but we had a bit of an interruption here with a typhoon and we have spent the last few days trying to prepare for that unwelcome visitor and help others prepare and survive the super typhoon. On December 7, we spent the day boarded up and waiting while the island had about seven hours of 150-170 miles per hour wind. We are still very much in the recovery mode. We experienced very little damage. However, most of the island is devastated. From Sunday until Tuesday we had no power, no water (in the pipes), no telephone and none of the radio stations on island were operating. Please pray for our folks that the ones who lost homes, property and are literally suffering. In addition to the storm damage, during the storm a fuel tank of jet fuel caught fire and spread to three other tanks. Because the trucks could not get past the fire to load fuel there has been no gasoline available for two days. We are hoping for some in the next couple of days. We praise the Lord for His protection and provisions.

Now that the bad news is out of the way we have many blessings to share with you.

1. Since our last letter, in which we asked for prayer for the land, the owner has agreed to accept our offer of \$80,000.00 for 2 acres of land in a prime location. This, I know sounds very high to most of you, but this property originally sold for \$800,000.00. The transaction is already in the process of closure. Lighthouse praises the Lord for providing the funds to be able to pay the complete amount for the land through the savings and faithful giving of our folks for several years. This will bring our building fund to a very low level, but we trust the Lord to provide for the building as He has for the land. We give Him all the glory for this blessing. Please pray also for the official of the company who owns the land that he will be saved.
2. Since our last letter the Lord has provided us an older van that we can use to haul material and even kids. It is paid for. Praise the Lord for that!
3. Since our last letter Frank and Barbara Finney arrived here to give us some help in the work as a ministry of helps. With the land now available and new doors opening at Lighthouse we surely appreciate the help. We are getting a fast familiarization of each other since we have been mostly confined to the house since their arrival, except for the preparation for the typhoon and checking on the needs of our folks. They sure had a fast introduction to life on Guam. They arrived on December 4 and the typhoon arrived on December 7.
4. Since our last letter we have started a midweek children's ministry and the Lord is blessing with growth and our folks are excited about being involved and seeing the children learn.
5. Since our last letter we have seen new faces and some growth in numbers in the Sunday morning services. Please pray With us that some who are attending will be saved and that others will grow in the Lord.
6. Since our last letter we have restarted the nursing home ministry. The folks seemed to be glad to see us back. It is a blessing to minister to these old folks. We pray that some will be saved.

Folks, thank you so much for allowing us to be here and serve our Lord with you. Your prayers and support are surely reaping fruit for the glory of our Lord. Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's will and resources to see a building up that we can grow in the ministries even more.

It is our prayer that you will have the most blessed Christmas and New Year season ever. Though ours will be different this year due to the damage here, it surely will be a blessed one as we remember the One that this is all about, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you again, from the depth our hearts. We love and pray for you too.

Because of Christ,

