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Dear friends and lifeline holders:

Greetings once again from Guam.

Psalm 127:1a states "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." We would like to give Him praise and glory for the giant leaps our Lord has made for us in the past two months. **ONLY** our Lord can do what has been done and to Him be **ALL** the glory.

**First**, we would like to report that the land transaction was closed on December 31 and the property is now being surveyed to ensure that we do not have any problems with us or our neighbors encroaching on one another's property. Our folks are excited that Lighthouse now actually owns two acres of land. Some have donated sizeable gifts toward the building. How the Lord has blessed in this. Our folks had saved and prayed since about 1994 for land and we carefully saved all we could from what was provided. When the land was purchased we spent all but about \$1,600.00. Since that time the Lord has already increased that amount to just over \$10,000.00. This has come from several sources- one of our supporting churches, Grace Baptist Temple in Blackstone, VA, from a visiting family, and from our own church family. It seems that the Lord is saying that it is time to build His house where Lighthouse can better minister to the community. If any of our churches would like to participate in this building it would be greatly appreciated. There is an account arranged at the World Wide New Testament Mission office to forward all designated funds to the building directly to Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Our need for more useful space is greatly needed, especially in the children's ministries. We have been having a packed space for the children. There have been as many as 31 children in a space that was designed for about 20. We have teens now that have to remain in the adult class because we have no space for another class. Our parking area looks like a demolition derby on Sunday mornings. Praise the Lord for these "problems."


**Secondly**, the Lord has been blessing our folks as they witness for Him. In the last few weeks there have been several professions of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. There has been one request for baptism so far. It is a blessing to see folks saved, and it is an added blessing to see the folks of the church witnessing and pointing them to Christ. I thank the Lord for the faithful folks that we have the blessing of serving with.

**Third**, though the island is still about 25% without electricity, as far as I know all of our folks have electricity now but one family. Their home was blown away in the December typhoon. Please pray for them as we wait for the resources to help them rebuild. I praise the Lord that none of our folks were injured. There were some injuries on the island, including one that caused a death. A lady had a bad cut and went into cardiac arrest according to the news report. This is a miracle of the Lord since there were many homes destroyed.

**Please pray** with us as we wait on the Lord to build His church. We want to see Him glorified in letting the folks of Guam see that He can do what we cannot do. We want to see not just a building, but saved souls serving. We need wisdom and grace to stay in His will. We need Him to supply the resources to accomplish this next step.

**Thank you** for your prayers, support and the blessing of serving with you.

Because of Christ,

  
Elwood and Doris Hurst