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Dear friends and co-laborers,

Once again, greetings to you from the island of Guam.

It is our prayer that you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings. Your prayers and faithful support for this ministry is a great blessing and vital to the work of our Lord here.

It seems that the weeks have become days and the years months. The Psalmist prayed the Lord to "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalms 90:12). It is also the prayer of this missionary since it seems many times overwhelmingly busy. This is not a complaint-just a prayer that this missionary will do what the Lord wants. Your prayers for us are greatly appreciated.

The church is continuing to be blessed of the Lord. There are some folks driving for over 30 miles to come to Lighthouse. We have enjoyed the fellowship of those who care to stay in our home for the Sunday afternoons to avoid driving the distance twice on Sunday. There is a member family that will be leaving us soon for Bible College to train for the ministry. Another man has given testimony of a call on his life to preach the gospel. We now have a men and a ladies Bible study/fellowship that are well attended. The Lord has blessed with some souls saved since our last letter. On January 18, we had the honor of baptizing three folks.

The building is still in the preparation/planning stage. In order to cut costs we are working with a contractor here on island that has an architect employed and located in Australia. This will save us thousands of dollars in architectural costs. In addition the contractor is trying very hard to keep our cost down to a bare minimum. In spite of this the cost of the shell of the building is estimated to cost about \$180,000.00. The Lord has provided through the generosity of some of our folks and some our churches \$40,000.00 of this need. Please pray with us that the remainder will be available when all of the preparation is done. Please also pray with us for wisdom as we seek the Lord's will in all of this. There is an account established at the mission office that can handle any donation. All will be appreciated-great or small.

The needs are great! If it were possible we could spend every hour of every day trying to convince folks that hell is real and that the time is short. We do spend a great deal of time in this endeavor, by door-to-door visiting, individual contacts and by telephone. However, there remains a multitude of souls that are blinded by the god of this world in false religion and in the cares of this world. Please pray for us that we can truly be a Psalms 126:6 church with tears, the Word, and the Work. We still believe that God honors this promise that we will doubtless come again bearing sheaves and rejoicing. Please pray with us for laborers to go into the harvest.

The workers whom the Lord has sent to Lighthouse Baptist Church are precious. We have folks that willingly and faithfully labor to reach and teach souls. I thank the Lord for each one and for you who stand so faithfully with us in this ministry. It is by your prayer and sacrificial giving that these blessings are realized. The Lord has blessed this missionary family with good health and strength and we are very grateful to Him for that. Please pray that the age of these old bodies will not hinder the work the Lord has called us to.

The lifeline holders are you. The older we are and the longer we serve the more we are aware of our dependence on the Lord and what He does through you, His people. Thank you for the blessing of being your laborers here on Guam. Thank you for your sacrificial giving and your faithful prayers. We do pray for you as well.

Because of Christ,



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