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Dear praying friends,

Greetings from the Island of Guam, where America's day begins.

It seems impossible that another year has slipped by us. However, as we look back on this year and what the Lord has done to bless this ministry and our lives it seems mighty full.

It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless each of you with a wonderful time of worship and remembering our Lord during this blessed season. We also will be thinking of you as the families and friends gather for fellowship.

The Lord is continuing to bless the work in some very special ways here. It sure is a blessing to be where the Lord moves in such evident ways. Since our last letter, we have seen a number of new faces in the meetings. We have had one family to join the church. We have entered the Philippine Sea to baptize two precious souls. Four folks have made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. Two of these were local folks who had their eyes opened of the Lord and came out of the darkness of religion guided by the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord for the TRUTH that sets men free! The number of folks in the meetings on Sunday mornings has demanded extra chairs for two services in the past few weeks. What a blessed Christmas gift our Lord has given! This makes it even more urgent for us to get to the new building.

Our Lord has also been working in that area. He has blessed by allowing the proposed civil plan to pass through one of the critical stages and the next has been verbally approved already. We have begun the process of the conditional use permit that allows us to use the land for a church. We now have water service on the property after an eight-month wait. The funds continue to grow. It is amazing to see the Lord work. We now are now nearing the 50% mark of having the resources to meet the need of the original proposals of the contractors. We are praying that we can see that building paid for when it is finished. We would much rather give the funds to missions or some work of the Lord than to the bank. Please pray with us. We want to thank those who have generously donated to this project already.

Some of our precious folks have been moved on to other locations and some more to go in the near future. It is very difficult to see them leave; yet we know that they will be serving elsewhere. While some are leaving, we are also seeing some new faces that are potential replacements. We have been blessed with the attendance of four new Seabees. Just maybe the Lord sent them to help on the building project. We are already discussing that. Please pray.

In closing, we would like to say thank you to the Lord for allowing us to serve Him here and for giving us a good family and so many precious friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. The older we get the more precious these are. We also want to thank each of you for another blessed year of service with you. Thank you for the blessing that you have been to us. You are our lifeline to reach the souls of the dear folks of Guam.

God bless you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst