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Dear Co-laborers,

Psalms 126:3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

It seems that it was just Christmas and before we know it we will be observing Independence Day. Maybe it is my old age that makes it seem that way or maybe a very busy schedule.

Since December we have been very busy in trying to get some plans together that will be accepted by the Department of Public Works. It has seemed to us like a long, long time, but we are learning to wait on the Lord and on the engineers and architects. As we have waited on the Lord, however, He has proven that He is in all of this. Over the past months we have seen the Lord bring the cost of the building by over \$100,000. That seems unreal, especially since they say that the economy is getting better here. We have also seen the Lord add to the funds that are available to do the building. At the present time we are about \$40,000.00 away from being able to pay for the building when it is completed. We are still praying and trusting the Lord to provide so that there will be no debt. In fact, in order to avoid a big expense of bank loan we have put that on hold. Our loan was already cleared. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide for this greatly needed building.

Our Sunday morning attendance has been ranging from in the high sixties to eighty. There are some new visitors coming and though we miss the Navy folks that have transferred out, there seems to be more Micronesians. I think often of the first church in Jerusalem where there were folks from many languages and places as I look in the faces of our folks at Lighthouse Baptist Church. We are blessed with some sweet fellowship and unity, though there are folks from the outer island, local folks and folks from the mainland of different races. We are thankful and praise the Lord for every one of them.

We are almost on a daily basis out visiting prospects and folks that need help. We have been visiting through the villages door by door. In January Lighthouse supported another missionary here in a weeklong meeting in the village of Merizo. That village is on the southern tip of Guam and has about 2,000 folks living there. Please pray that the hearts of the folks will be receptive to the gospel since it is very strong Catholic. During the meeting there was one soul saved. In the past month one of our members had the blessing of leading a niece to the Lord and a daughter to confirm her salvation.

In the month of February we had the blessing of some visitors. It is always good to have folks come. It is so far away we cannot say, "Just drop by". We appreciate especially Brother Danny Whetstone and his dear wife and Brother Dalton Heath and Roy McCoy stopping by. We also had the Tom and Kim Paynes to visit. All of these were a great blessing.

The Lord has been really blessing in answered prayer. We are also enjoying the seven o'clock prayer time with some of the men. There are about 4 to 6 men that meet daily at the church to pray. It is a real blessing to join our hearts together at the Throne of Grace. God has blessed it.

Please continue to pray for laborers to come into the harvest. Please pray for the building project.

Thank you for the blessing of serving with you here on the island of Guam.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst