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Dear Lifeline holders,

I send greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ from the Island of Guam.

Please forgive the delinquency of this letter. It was my belief that my last letter was more recent than it was. One of the "blessings" of three score and ten age is that memory seems to wear along with the body. We still have good memory, it is just shorter.

It is our prayer that you are doing well and enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings. We appreciate your faithful support and prayers to this ministry. Every day your pastor and your church is called before the throne of grace asking the Lord to bless the pastor and the faithful folks that labor there that we may be here.

Since our last letter we have continued in our visitation, door-to-door through the village of Agat. We have had some promising contacts, but also some that do not yet see the error of the religion that has such a hold on this island. The Lord blessed us with one Pohnpean lady that was saved in Pohnpei and was baptized here and a faithful member already singing in the choir. It is truly a blessing to see the multi-ethnic congregation welcome a lady from the outer islands just as they would any other believer. I am thankful for the sweet fellowship. The Joy Club and the Children's Church is steadily growing and so are the children. It has been a blessing to see some of the children that once were so shy that they did not even want to speak to us, now they are singing and quoting Scripture before the whole church and excited to do so. I am thankful for the faithful ladies that work with them week-by-week.

Since our last letter the outreach to Merizo has been blessed also. The missionary that will be working that ministry was able to obtain a one-year lease- FREE. Of course, that "free" costs. We have done some renovating and it is still in the process. I am thankful for the opportunity for some of our people to get involved in some outreach. Hopefully, soon the building will be ready and the meetings can begin. Pleases pray that the Lord will bring in many souls through this work. Our Resurrection Day services were a real blessing. The sunrise service was well attended by our folks and some visitors.

Our building plans and progress is still steadily, but ever so slowly, going through the permitting process. This involves just about every public agency on the island. We have just been required to go back and do a second soil test. Hopefully, the results will be out on May 16 and then the rest of the agencies can move forward. We had been told and were hoping that by now we would be seeing some blocks going up. We have even had our ground-breaking service which was well attended. Please pray that the Lord will wake up the bureaucrats and let us get started. The Lord has also blessed with more finances toward that building. We are now within \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 of being able to pay for the building when it is finished. This is amazing to this missionary. We have had some help from some of you folks and others from the mainland. Most of this has come through the church and some faithful folks that are excited about seeing this building up and being used for the Lord. To God be the Glory!

We recently have revived the Faith Promise giving in the church. The Lord has tremendously blessed that. In about two months the Lord has sent in over \$2,000 designated for missions. Please pray with us that we will be good stewards of this and that we can have a small part in more missionary works.

Please pray with us that we could help the folks here on Guam to realize the vanity of false religion and that God would use us to be His vessels to open their eyes with the Word of God.

Please pray with us for wisdom and for the process of the building will be done according to His will and in a timely fashion.

Please pray with us that our health will be sustained of the Lord. The schedules are very heavy and so is this old body. I am very thankful for the good health the Lord has provided thus far.

Thank you again for the blessing of serving our dear Lord with you.

Because of Christ,
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