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Dear friends and co-laborers:

We send you greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ from the beautiful island of Guam.

Here I am apologizing again for being delinquent. I had been hoping that by this time we could share with you good news about the building permit being issued. We are much further than before, but are now trying to work with EPA to get approval for our sewage system and water drainage plan. These folks have had our plans for two weeks now and still no answer. We have started working from the top of the chain down. Before this delay the Fire Dept. and the caused us some delay and we got that on resolved. The copy people lost the entire set of electrical plans and they had to be redrawn. Your prayers would be appreciated. We trust the Lord to work these things out for us. It would be a tremendous help to us and the ministry to have that building to better serve our folks and expand our ministry.

The church is going well, though we have definitely had a skeleton crew this summer. I was beginning to wonder, as a pastor friend said, if my wife would tell me that she was going on vacation. Thank the Lord most returned this year. Though on this island there is a lot of coming and going, it affords us an opportunity to send out missionaries in many places. I am thankful that many of them still maintain communications and the Lord is using their lives for His glory.

The Lord has blessed in the Department of Youth Affairs. There have been several of these troubled youths make professions of faith in Jesus Christ. One of the men is now heading up that ministry.

The work in the village of Merizo is now holding two meetings a week. Our church has been trying to help with that. The local folks are not yet participating, but some have showed interest. Please pray for that work and for the missionary. The name of the work is Bible Baptist Church.

Our ministry to the aged folks is still going well. We usually have about 25-30 folks that we get to deliver a gospel message to. Though some of these old folks are not very coherent there have been a few that have been saved.

The church-wide visitation is still going well. We have just about finished the village of Agat again doing door-by-door visitation. There have been some folks who have responded to the gospel.

Since our last letter our faith promise has increased so as to begin regular support to two more mission works and gave a one-time gift to another for a building need. It is a tremendous blessing to see our folks wanting to take part in other works.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1] For the souls of the people of Guam-that their eyes could be opened to the truth.
- 2] For the building plans to be processed in a timely fashion according to God's will.
- 3] For the remainder of the funds to be available when the building is completed. We now lack about \$25, 000 of having the estimated price of the building itself.
- 4] For continued health and strength and the power of God. Elwood recently got an excellent report from the annual physical, but the very next day came down with the flu followed by a case of prostate problem. I am still looking for that Mack truck. Doris is doing fine.
- 5] For our people who have also had some sicknesses. There is a Whooping cough outbreak here on Guam now.
- 6] For us to be good stewards of the Lord's provisions. Fuel is now \$3..389/Gal. My life insurance company is enjoying immensely my turning 70.

Folks, we sincerely appreciate all that you give sacrificially and in faith. Daily we thank the Lord for each of you and ask that He multiply many fold what you give. I also pray that He will bless each of you with good health and give you souls for your labor. Thanks for allowing us to serve with you here on this island. Our prayer is that we can be an asset to your ministry in reaching souls for Jesus Christ

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst

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