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Dear friends and lifeline holders,

We bring you greetings from the rainy little island of Guam in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise God that it is not the stormy little island. The Lord has been mighty merciful to us for the past four years. There have been storms pass by to the north and to the south, but we have not been directly affected by any. The most recent one that hit the Philippines and Vietnam passed to our north. We are praying for those folks.

Our last letter reported that we were still waiting for our building permit. I praise the Lord that we not only **have our building permit**, but the bull dozer has been at work and **our heavy grading has been done and paid for**. There **still remains some work to be done with lighter equipment**. What a blessing to see some progress in a tangible way! God blessed again and we were able to have the heavy equipment (D-8) which normally costs \$120 per hour for \$90 per hour. The smaller equipment has been offered to us at a lower price also. The developer who is helping us with the plans, permitting and contractors just gave back \$6,500.00 toward the building cost. We have paid the first increment on the building contract. Folks, all of this is but to give the glory to our God, Who is ABLE!

We thank our Lord also for the folks that stick with the work and are so faithful. Though we are small in number, God is doing some wonderful things through Lighthouse Baptist Church. We are beginning through the village of Agat again door-by-door. Some hearts seem to be softening. Last Saturday we had the opportunity to witness to a lady whom we had seen many times before. She is in a cult and at first would not even talk to us. Last Saturday she told us, "Keep on coming". We had the blessing of seeing two young guys make professions of faith in Jesus as Savior at the youth correctional home. They seem to be genuine in the studies that we had. Please pray that when they return to the homes that they will not be hindered or discouraged. The elderly folks ministry is also going well.

It is now the rainy season here on Guam. It was a blessing that God let us get the heavy grading done before rain set in. Hopefully, in the next few days we will have enough of a break in the rain that we can get on with the building. The contractors are ready to go to work and we are ready for a new building. It is exciting to think about what we can do with the additional space and to be free from the termites and cockroaches. It is also a good possibility that we will see more of our Navy folks in church.

It is impossible for this old missionary to express the gratitude that is felt in my heart to our Lord and to you faithful co-laborers in Christ Jesus. However, I don't know anything else to say, but THANK YOU! We do pray for you.

Please pray for the precious souls here on Guam. Neither time nor space will allow us to open the window into the lives of the folks that we try to help and minister to. There are physical needs, family problems, mostly spiritual problems or the affects of the same. We need God's power and grace to be His instruments to help them. I am so thankful that when our strength is exhausted His is not.

Please pray for the remainder of the funds to be provided so that the building could be paid for upon completion to God's glory. We are still short some toward the building itself and we need other periphery work such as septic tank and leaching field, ponding basin, material for a driveway, etc. As soon as we get some estimates together we will let you know where we stand. We plan to use voluntary labor on some of the periphery work.

Again, thank you for your faithful support in prayer and finances. It is our desire to be a vessel useable in God's hand and an asset to your ministry as a missionary.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst