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Dear Co-laborers,

We pray the Lord that this report finds you enjoying the very best of God's blessings. We also send greetings from this little island where America's day begins.

It seems that it has only been a few weeks since the last report, but it has actually been two months. We were told when we were growing up that the older you get the faster times seems to pass. We must be about 95 years old instead of 71. What a blessing it is to be able to serve our Lord and He packs so many opportunities in a day that we wonder if it was all meant for us. We praise His name for the health and strength to serve Him.

Our busy schedule includes the pastoring and extension work of the church, as well as maintenance, working with the contractor and the government with issues of the building. I thank the Lord for the ministries that He has set before us and for the precious people that we have the blessing of serving with.

The old folks' ministry is going well. Recently, one of the residents went into eternity. Philip used to greet us when we visited and we could hear his voice calling, "Hello, Mr. Elwood". I pray that his soul was ready to meet his Creator. The youth ministry is a blessing also. The young folks can win their way into an old man's heart real fast. We were particularly burdened for young person recently that was ready to be released, but the parents did not want the young person back home. How thankful we should be that our Shepherd will welcome back any of His repentant children no matter how far they stray.

The church is doing well, though our heart is heavily burdened to see souls saved. We are continuously sowing and watering, but we wait for the Lord of the harvest to grant an increase. There are some folks visiting regularly that we pray the Lord will lead to serve with us as members. Some of our folks, including the children, are showing some growth in the Lord. We thank the Lord for the precious folks that we have the honor of serving as their pastor and co-laborer.

The building project is progressing. Speaking of time passing, it seems that we have been on this project for many years. Though it seems slow, the walls are now beginning to look like a church building and hopefully, soon we will have a roof over it. The roof is no small step. These will be about 4 feet wide and 72 feet long made of pre-stress concrete. The typhoons and the earthquakes here demand such a structure. It also demands a lot of coordination with government agencies. The Lord also continues to send in some funds. The last increment is still lacking, but we have enough to take care of the next to the last increment of the construction. Everything, so far, has been paid for. We still pray and trust the Lord to let us pay this off when it is finished. While some of the larger of the other religious churches are struggling the Lord continues to glorify His name by lifting up a building that will stand for the truth. We do not boast of ourselves. ALL GLORY TO GOD!! Please pray that His name will be glorified not only in the building, but as it becomes His tool for Lighthouse to reach the folks on this end of Guam.

God blessed with a good Resurrection Day. We held our annual sunrise service at the church property. It was well attended and there was good participation in the preparation. The Lord also blessed with His presence in the services throughout the day.

Folks, words cannot convey our heart-felt gratitude for the blessing you are to this missionary. We count it a great honor and blessing to serve as your co-laborer here on Guam. We pray daily for you and trust the Lord to bless you as you labor in your field. We love and appreciate you.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst