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Dear friends and co-laborers,

Once again we send you greetings from the island of Guam.

If we followed the admonition of the good song, "Count Your Blessings", we would not be able to get started good in the space of this letter, but we will start.

We are blessed to have folks like you to stand with us in prayer and financially. It is much needed. Sometimes the work requires as much as 3 tanks a week for a little Toyota Echo. The tank that was costing about \$17.00 is now over \$30.00. We are keenly aware of the affect of fuel on the economy because all the other things are going up too as electricity.

We are still blessed with open doors to two institutions, a little church that loves us and a few doors of homes that welcome us. The Youth Affairs ministry is still going well. Last month one young lady stated that she was forbidden to return to her home by her mother. She trusted the Lord as Savior and we all prayed and her mother came, they were reconciled and returned home. We still have the old folks home ministry where we preach the gospel clearly and fervently while many unsaved residents listen, even a Catholic nun sometimes.

We are blessed with some visitors in our services from time to time and some come regularly. Some need salvation, some need to grow, some need to develop some Bible convictions. Praise the Lord for our faithful saints that are there every time and faithfully serve and witness.

We are blessed to share in a small way in the labor of some good missionaries. We have also been blessed to have a small part in some one-time projects with other missionaries. Please pray with us that this outreach will grow.

We are blessed to have been able to touch many lives through the years, though our numbers now would not show that. It is a blessing to know that it is God that is keeping the records. Folks are scattered in many of the states of the mainland and a few in other countries that have had their lives touched at Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Most recently we have been blessed to have reached a milestone in the building project. The photos show some of the approximately 10 feet by 70 feet roofing panels being lifted in place. There were 6 of these panels which were lifted by a 120 ton crane. Now a new crew will be moving in to form and pour the connecting beams to the roof. At the same time 3 inches of concrete will be poured on top of the roof. As you can tell the building standards here are controlled by typhoons and earthquakes. We praise the Lord that so far everything is paid for. If we reach the next increment with our present resources we will have to start borrowing. We long to see it debt free upon completion that this community will see the work of our God that He not only wants a church here, but He is able to pay the bill. Please pray with us.

We were honored to preach the funeral of the first Chamorro that we had the blessing of seeing saved. The clear gospel was preached to over 150 folks, most of whom were lost. He was a dear friend who had suffered greatly in his body. His wife and three daughters are also saved and bore a good testimony in all of contacts and in the services.

We thank you again for your faithful support and prayers, and for the blessing of serving with you. We love you and praying for you also.

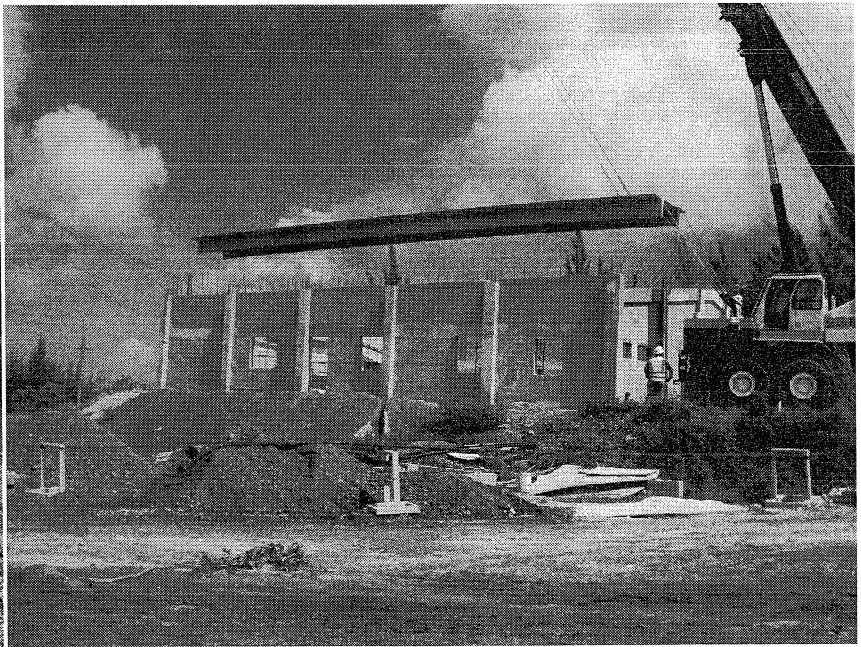
Because of Christ,



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Roofing panes arriving



Roofing panel being lifted in place



View of entrance of building with roof