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Dear precious patient friends,

This letter was started about three weeks ago, about the same time that this missionary encountered the meanest virus that I have ever experienced. I know it sounds like an excuse, but this is true. I spent Christmas Day in the bed, but thanks be to God He is restoring this old body once again. Thanks for your patience. We pray the Lord blessed you with a wonderful remembrance of our Lord's incarnation and now the beginning of a blessed 2008.

Since our last letter the ones who had requested baptism were baptized in the Philippine Sea and are being faithful in the church services. There is a lady who is a neighbor to one of our families who had a very serious stroke. The neighbor family visited her in the hospital. Doris and I also visited her. She was totally disabled in her arms and legs-no movement at all. We all prayed fervently and witnessed to her and she was saved. Her countenance changed completely and slowly she began to move her hands, then her feet. After several weeks of prayer and therapy this lady returned to her home and now attends Lighthouse Baptist Church.

The plans for the grading for the building that we mentioned in our last letter was approved and we are now in the process of doing the grading. The doors and windows are installed in the building and all of the tiles are on the floor. The partitions will soon be started. Still the Lord is providing and everything is paid for that has been done. Many folks that we visit or meet in the way are mentioning the building to us. Some do not know where the meeting place is now, but know the new building. We pray that the visibility and the testimony of how the Lord has provided will give glory to God in this community. Truly, "Great things He hath done."

In the last few weeks we have learned that some of the government officials want to put a landfill on some land that is in back of our church. We are doing all that we know to oppose this, including much praying. This is a large area that has here to fore not been occupied. The issue is a very divisive one and there are some pretty strong obstacles to that becoming a reality, but please pray with us that the Lord will intervene in this matter.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

For Lighthouse to grow in number and in strength in the coming year

For more souls to be saved and serve

For wisdom in the use of the Lord's provisions in the steady increase in the expenses

For the soon completion of the building

For continued health and strength that the work be not hindered

For Elwood's brother and family whose only son was killed in an automobile accident on New Year's Eve.

Doris and I want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, your financial support and for the generous gifts during the Christmas season. It is truly an honor for us to serve with you in the Lord's vineyard. Please be assured that you are in our prayers daily also. We are keenly aware that it is the lifeline holders that allow us to serve here.

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