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Dear Lifeline Holders,

From the beautiful island of Guam, the land of the Chamorro (tano I Chamorro) we send you greetings.

There has been much water over the dam since our last letter. It has passed so fast it is difficult to remember all of it, much less write about it. We are so very thankful to our Lord for His sustaining grace. We are also very thankful to Him for the health and strength to keep on serving.

THE CHURCH is going well, though as every year when the spring arrives people leave. We already have some folks off island and more are planning trips. It brings the challenges of getting folks to fill in the work, but God always supplies. Pray that Lord of the harvest to send the laborers into His harvest. It is a blessing to have folks who are willing to do what they can to keep the work going.

THE MINISTRIES are going well. We have been able to maintain the door-to-door visitation and Doris and I also go as often as possible. As we go we find that many of the folks in the community know where the new church building is. Though this is a building and it is a tool the Lord gives to reach the souls here, it is a testimony to the community that as God was able to feed five thousand with a little boy's lunch, He can build a church building with a small congregation. We also continue our weekly meetings at the **Department of Youth Affairs**. One young man professed the Lord has his Savior two weeks ago and others are attending and participating in the study. We also are continuing with the **semi-weekly ministry to the elderly at the nursing home**. It is amazing how the Lord has kept the door open in a Catholic-run home to that ministry for over ten years now. They always hear a doctrinal gospel message and a few have responded. There is a Nun that occasionally listens. It is a blessing to see some of those old folks smile and some shed tears when they hear the Word of God and the hymns that our folks sing.

THE BUILDING is still in progress. Some pictures are attached. The partition walls are up and almost ready for paint. In fact, some of the walls are already painted. The Lord blessed with a good discount on our air conditioners, the lights and the chairs. We have now paid the contractor next to the last increment. Please pray that the Lord will provide for the remainder of the needs. The folks of the church have done as much of the work as possible to save on some labor. Last Saturday we even had some ladies painting. A couple of the men of the church and I made and installed duct work for the air conditioners. We still have some sizeable expenses that are not in the contractor's responsibility. We have **more grading to do to meet the requirements of EPA**. Our parking area is fine when it does not rain, but when it is wet it is not fit for parking, much less walking in it. We are seeking estimates on some kind of paving/covering. That is a big expense that we are not able to handle, but our God can. **Please pray with us that the Lord will provide that need. Our heart's desire is that this community will see the project completed and paid for to bring glory to our God.** There are other churches in this community that are struggling financially that try to buy land and keep a school open when it is in financial trouble. How we praise the Lord for what He has done here.

THE MISSIONARY is doing well. The health problem that was troubling in the last letter seems to have cleared. We thank the Lord every day that we can get out of bed and serve our Lord. It is a blessing at soon to be 72 years old I can still climb ladders, cut grass and go for long hours each day. One of the men in the church that has been a very faithful co-worker is now 80 years old and he is also involved heavily in the building and visitation.

Furlough time is due. Next month we will have been here six years without leaving the island. We have willingly and thankfully stuck with the building program. We plan as soon as the building is finished and our folks settled in and someone to hold the fort to take about 6 months to see family and some of our churches. In that length of time we will not be able to see all of you. I would that we could. We will get to as many as possible. There is not a firm date set yet. As soon as we know we will let you know.

THANK YOU for the faithful support and prayers. You are truly holding the lifeline of this ministry. We realize that you have the same costs that we do and that many give out of their poverty. Only the Lord can provide the blessing that you deserve. We will do our best to be good stewards of your sacrifice. We pray that many souls will thank you in glory.

Because of Christ,

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Hallway to entrance



Front of auditorium



Parking area toward church building



Entrance from parking area