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Dear precious friends and family,

Once again we send you greetings from the little dot that separates the Pacific Ocean from the Philippine Sea, where the weather is WARM. We left the mainland on January 22 and arrived to a good welcome on January 23 here on Guam. The flight went well. All of our connections were good and we were blessed to get bulkhead seats which made the ride much more comfortable. We were flying along with the sun and saw 22 hours of sun light.

We sincerely appreciate all of the fellowship, the open doors of service and your generosity while we were there. The Whetstones were very generous in allowing us a wonderful place to stay. It was a real blessing to see some folks that we had not seen for more than 6 years, including our family. Our children blessed us with a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration, with some dear friends attending. Doris got to see most of her sisters for the first time in many years. One lady attended that was in the church here in Guam, now living in Georgia.

Our only regret was that our 5 months did not allow us to get to all of our supporting churches. To you patient folks, we sincerely apologize. The length of time was determined by the available help in taking care of the church while we were gone. Dr. Jim Herchenhahn and his dear wife did a wonderful work while we were gone, but they had other previous obligations that took them away on the morning of January 23, and we arrived here the same day in the evening.

The church is going well. We have been blessed with some new folks almost every Sunday. The building and property has been well cared for and improved. Our hearts are very thankful for the Herchenhahns and for the faithful folks of Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Along with all of the excitement of getting back into the work, we have also experienced some sorrow. The only remaining family that was here when we came in 1992 was the Sokala family. Slaiser is our song leader and has faithfully served for many years. His wife Persihna was a real blessing to our folks and a Sunday school teacher and choir member. She has led many to the Lord and helped and encouraged many believers in the way. Last Saturday, February 7 she departed this life into the presence of her Lord. She was taken with a stroke in her home and never recovered. Please pray for the family. There are many adjustments to be made and pray for our church as we try to fill some big shoes.

**We would appreciate you joining with us in prayer:**

**For the work to grow in number and in strength**

**For health and strength and wisdom for Doris and I so that we can do the work here**

**For the Lord to provide the material needs**

**For the Quinlan family to have good progress with their deputation**

**For the landfill issue which is still stirring**

Again, thank you all for your generosity, prayers and for the blessing of serving with you. We love you and appreciate the blessing of serving with you in the Lord's vineyard.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst