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Dear Co-laborers,

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

We want to thank God and give Him glory for His manifold blessings. He has sustained our health and strength so that we can keep on serving Him. He has met our material needs and kept us safe even in a little fender-bender when a guy was supposed to stop and didn't. More than these, He has blessed in the work. Almost every service at the church, some folks respond to His Word. One Sunday morning, as we stood at the front door to speak to the folks as they left, a nine-year-old boy came up, looked up to me, and said, "Pastor, can you tell me how to be saved?" Praise the Lord!

Last week there were two young boys that came forward to the altar. One of the men counseled with them, and they prayed to receive the Lord as their Savior. Who knows? One day these may stand in a pulpit or start a church on a mission field. God is able and He is still in the saving business! The Lord is also blessing in our outreach ministries. The nursing home is still open to preach the Word, even with Catholic nuns around. It is hard to tell, but it seems that some of these old folks are really listening. One lady in particular often sheds tears when we sing songs like *The Old Rugged Cross*. The Lord is also still allowing us to reach some young folks at the Department of Youth Affairs. Some weeks there are none, but two weeks ago I had the blessing of teaching the Word of God to ten young people. All this is to God's glory.

The church is going well with some new folks visiting on a regular basis. This includes some local folks, as well as some military. A few weeks ago Doris and I were knocking on doors and met a military lady. As usual, we talked to her about the Lord and found that she professed to be saved. We invited her to church and the very next day (Sunday) she was there and has been each service that she is not working. Please pray with us that some of our folks would really get into more of our services. Our evening and mid-week services are missing some of our visiting folks.

Please pray with us concerning the landfill issue. This private company, with the help of some political pull, keeps pushing forward and we are trying to push the other direction. We are thankful for many of the community folks that are also standing against this project with us. Some of our government officials are in agreement with us, but some of the legislature are trying really hard to accommodate the company that wants to build the landfill. We are doing all that we possibly know to do by the good grace of God and we are trusting the Lord to protect His property. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

We would also appreciate your prayers for the Quinlan family. They are now busy in meetings and the Lord is blessing with good progress. We look forward to having them here to labor with us. According to the information that we have received, in the next year or so we will have a huge jump in the population on Guam. There are about 8,000 Marines coming from Okinawa, Japan along with their families and support personnel. The Air Force and Navy are supposed to be increasing in number. The Army may be bringing in some folks to the south of the island for missile defense work. Recently, I had the opportunity to talk with one of the Navy chaplains who is of the same doctrine as we are, and he promised to send anyone interested over to our church, Lighthouse Baptist, which is only one mile from the gate of the Navy base. Overall, we are told that the population on the island will jump by twenty to thirty thousand in the next few years. God is bringing in a bigger mission field.

Our prayers are with you folks also. We are constantly aware that there are folks, including some in our family, that are either working short hours or not at all. We have not been affected except one man in our church. We are also aware, and very thankful to you, for the fact that we are having our needs met and our work going is on because you are holding the lifeline by giving sacrificially. It is humbling to us and makes us very thankful that you are willing to trust us to use your gifts for God's glory.

Thank you also for the blessing of serving with you here in the Lord's vineyard. Thank you also for being faithful in your place of service.

Because of Christ,

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