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Dear Precious Friends and Lifeline Holders,

We send greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the beautiful island of Guam.

It is a great blessing that our Lord has allowed us to begin another decade in His service. As the years build, we are more and more thankful for our measure of good health and the amazing opportunity we have in the field of His harvest. We are reminded frequently here of so many much younger people that are slipping into eternity, some who have never known the peace and assurance of our Lord's salvation. In this past month, three that we knew of stepped out of this life and into their eternal destiny, one of whom was a cousin. Of these three only one was saved. Two of these were relatives of folks that attend Lighthouse Baptist Church.

It is our hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Ours was wonderful. Though we were not with our children and grandchildren, we were with the family of God and had a blessed time. Our entire church was blessed to have a good meal and a good time of fellowship at a favorite restaurant. We enjoyed some good old Mongolian barbeque. There were over 50 folks in attendance. Of course, that is not the traditional Christmas menu, but it was really good.

Some of our folks were off island visiting with family and friends. This brought our attendance numbers down a bit, but we thank the Lord most have returned and the others are on the way. We have been blessed to have some more visitors in our services.

Our ministries are still going in the Department of Youth Affairs and at the old-folks home. We have had a high attendance of eight young people participate at DYA. We are still doing our door-to-door visitation. Elwood and Doris also are pretty busy on individual visits besides the church-wide visiting. Visiting the southern end of the island involves a bit of driving. We praise the Lord for the little Toyota Echo that keeps on going with 174,000+ miles on it. If cars could talk it could tell some real stories. We praise the Lord for it and it's dependable service. Some folks find it hard to believe that we put that many miles on a car on this little island. Keeping up with the maintenance of the church also takes a bit of our time. We have 12-month grass-growing season. If you know of a non-growing variety of grass, we would like to have some.

Because of the difficulty in scheduling discipleship with the new believers, we started teaching through a basic Bible doctrine class on Sunday evenings. The folks seem to enjoy it and hopefully some of the young believers will be strengthened.

Please continue in prayer for the following needs:

1. For souls to be saved.
2. For strength and wisdom in the work
3. For the Lord to move on the hearts of some weak Christians
4. For the Quinlan family on deputation-now at 63%
5. For Lighthouse Baptist Church that it would grow in number and in strength
6. For the landfill issue (It is now somewhat dormant, but they keep trying to pressure Gov. Guam)

Thank you sincerely for the privilege of being your servant here on Guam. We are humbled at the sacrificial giving that keeps us here on the front line.

Because of Christ,

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