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Dear Lifeline Holders and Friends,

Acts 13:37-38 - But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. (38) Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

What a privilege and a blessing to be given the opportunity to preach the same message that the apostle Paul preached and know that it comes from God and is still just as authoritative as it was in Paul's day. It still works!

God continues to bless His Word here and the faithful labor of His people.

Our mission conference with Brother John O'Malley was a real blessing. Faith Promise giving was thoroughly taught, and our folks responded with an increase in the mission giving. Some folks who never gave through the Faith Promise method are now participating in the cause of missions directly. We hope to lengthen our cords in the near future.

Attendance is still on the increase. Our last letter reported that we have had to set out extra chairs. We have now added even more. What a blessing it is to see the Lord bringing in folks to fellowship and worship!

The children's ministry is still growing. The van's capacity is usually reached, with maybe a little more. There are now two routes with the van, and our little car usually brings in 5 from the other side of the island. Not only is the van reaching capacity, but the children's church is also in need of more space. Please pray with us, that the Lord will give clear leading concerning building space. It seems like we have just finished the one we have. Praise the Lord for that kind of problem!

The Quinlans are a real blessing. They are heavily involved in the work with the children as well as teaching and preaching. Brother Sean and the boys have also been a real blessing in helping with the maintenance and with driving the van. They have also taken over one of the Children's Bible Clubs in the village of Agat, at the request of the family that previously had it.

The Lord has blessed by adding some more men to our door-to-door visiting. We have completed the village of Santa Rita once more, and we are now starting in the village of Agat. Please pray with us that folks would respond to the witness and the Gospel literature that they get.

Some more young people have made professions of faith at the DYA ministry. Some are showing real interest in and understanding of the Word of God.

Some, who have made professions of faith through the ministries of the church, are now being disciplined. Brother Quinlan is working faithfully with a Chuukese man, and the man is showing real growth. I am working with two young boys that have been saved and have expressed a desire to be baptized. The nursing home ministry is also going well, with some of our faithful folks participating in that work.

All of this is possible because you have prayed and held the lifeline to this ministry. We are keenly aware of how dependent we are upon God and His people to stand in support of this work. We thank you sincerely for all that you are doing to keep the Word of God before the dear folks of Guam.

We have now reached nearly 19 years since we first arrived on Guam. Many of our churches have been so very kind and patient with very limited visits to report to you. We believe that it is a biblical responsibility of a missionary to report not only by letter, but also in person within a reasonable time frame. Some of you have not seen these old faces since we deputized. With co-laborers now with us and committed to the ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church, we now have peace from the Lord to take the time to report to all of our churches. We have scheduled our departure from Guam for June 27. We plan to stop by on two of the Micronesian islands before we arrive in South Carolina on July 3. As soon as we can get organized, we will be in communication with each of our supporting churches to arrange a time to come and report. We will also report our address and telephone number to you when we know it.

Please continue to pray for the Hursts and the Quinlans as we labor together here on Guam. We are so very thankful to the Lord for the sweet fellowship and the unity that we enjoy. We walk together by the good grace of God, because we are agreed in the old fashioned way and share the burden for the souls of the folks here on Guam. Praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings!

Again, thank you from the depth of our souls for your faithful support and for the blessing of serving with you in our Lord's vineyard.

Because of Christ,
Elwood and Doris Hurst