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Dear precious friends and co-laborers,

We send greetings to you from the big island, the U. S. A. continent. Once a dear friend from Micronesia came to the mainland and when he was asked what he thought of it his answer was, "Big island".

It is a blessing to be able to see our family, friends and soon those who have been faithful in sending us to the people of Guam. We arrived in South Carolina on July 3 after visits to the islands of Pohnpei and Majuro. It was a great blessing to see friends there and see how the Lord is continuing His work in those ministries. It was good to see some of the folks that we worked with in the ministry in Majuro. Both islands made us feel welcome and the hospitality was wonderful. The Lord also blessed us with a short but blessed time with Pastor Wayne Surface and his dear wife in Hawaii. Our flight schedule made it necessary to have about a 24-hour layover there. During our stay there we had the blessing of hearing someone call our name and it was a family that we know on Guam. Of course, it was also a blessing to see the faces of some of our family at the airport when we arrived here in the mainland.

At the present time we are in the process of getting the necessary materials ready for our presentation of the work that the Lord has done on Guam. In the past our furloughs have been so short that we have not had the time for that. We will soon be calling each of our supporting churches to set a time that we can report to you what the Lord has done through His work in Lighthouse Baptist Church in Guam for the last 19 years. How we praise the Lord for allowing us to be a part of that work.

**Your prayers would be greatly appreciated concerning our next term.** While we realize our age, there is still work to be done on the island of Guam. It has been our burden since going to that island to see a good Baptist church in every village. At the present time there is still a village to the south of Lighthouse Baptist Church called Merizo that has no fundamental work. It is located about 10-12 miles south of Lighthouse. It is the southernmost village of Guam. It will probably take more years than I have left to get a work completely established. However, it is the Lord that establishes and sustains His work and I believe He has some young men that could step in as He has with Lighthouse and take the leadership. After 19 years many folks know this missionary, especially on the southern part of the island. I would like to let the Lord use that to help open some doors that would normally take years to do.

In that regard, before we left Guam, we were surprised and deeply honored to be inducted by our Governor into the Ancient Order of the Chamorri. This is considered by our government to be the highest honor given to a non-Chomorro. It is in recognition of contributions in work for the people of the island. It was a special blessing to hear our Governor say as a Catholic, that the focus of the work was to the souls of the people and "that is eternal". We long to see more of our people know the Lord Jesus Christ and their lives glorifying Him. Your continued prayer and support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again for allowing us to be your ambassadors to the people of Guam and Micronesia.

Because of Christ,

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