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Dear friends and lifeline holders,

There is an old saying that seems real to this missionary now, "The hurrier I go the behinder I get."

It seems that the closer we get to departure to the field the more there is to do to depart to the field. We have set two goal dates and have missed both of them. We know there is a time in God's plan for us and we accept that. We are very near to that goal.

At the present time we are in the process of shipping boxes to Guam and finalizing the agreement for housing in Guam. We thank the Lord that the housing issue has been taken care of. The deposits on the house have been taken care of and the landlord is preparing the house for us to move in. The house seems to have plenty of room and the landlord has given approval for us to use it as a meeting place if we cannot find other facilities. We praise the Lord for this. Just a month or so ago we did not know where or if there was a place for us to live in the village. The Lord has provided one in the village of Merizo where we will be working.

As we stated in our last letter all of our churches have been reported to except those which the pastor opted for us not to come. There is no problem we of course leave this decision to the pastor. The reporting to churches and meetings in new contacts have taken us in more than seventy churches and over 43,000 miles. In all the travels and meetings we have been blessed with safety and met some precious friends and co-laborers. We thank you all for all the kindness and encouragement you are to this missionary family. Your prayers and support are vital to this ministry.

God has surely been blessing and encouraging us in special ways recently. On August 18 we have the honor of serving on the ordination counsel for the brother that the Lord has called to serve with us on Guam. Please pray for him and his precious family as they move toward that goal.

In a recent meeting here in South Carolina we were blessed to meet a young lady that has served in Germany and she reported to us that a family of folks that were saved at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Guam and baptized in the Philippine Sea by this missionary were faithfully serving the Lord in a good Baptist church in Germany. The young man who was saved as a young lad is now preaching, the young lady is married to a missionary and planning to serve in the Philippines. The parents of the mother to these children have been saved and the mother has been a faithful servant in the church. How we praise God for the way that He blesses. He also lets an old missionary hear about it all the way back to South Carolina.

In the last few days I have received news and confirmation from the Guam Environmental Protection Agency that the application for the landfill has been declined. There are more reasons than we have space to list here, but it seems that the final nail is in the coffin of this project. Thank you all for your prayers about this matter. God is able and willing to protect His church.

Thank you all for your patience in our missed goals. Please be assured that we are doing our utmost to get to work in the southern villages of Guam and will be on our way as soon as possible. Please pray with us for our little house to be rented soon. Please pray for the folks in Guam, both in Lighthouse and the lost folks in the villages where we will be working. Please pray for us as we wrap up things at this end also.

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you and for your faithful support.

Because of Christ,



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