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Dear praying partners,

Ps. 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

The context of this request by Moses is the content and length of life. It seems as the days get shorter they are harder and harder to count because they seem to go past so quickly. How we thank our Creator and the Giver of Life for every moment of this time.

We also thank our Lord for allowing us to serve with folks who are concerned for the souls of men around the world. It is an honor and a privilege to be your messenger here on the beautiful island of Guam.

Since our last report to you, our Lord has continued to bless in the work and in our continued health. Our typical attendance has for the most part remained steady with a couple of spikes. On October 6, we observed our first anniversary service, and there were twenty-two souls present. This was a great encouragement to us and to our regular folks. One special visitor was the man that we have known for several years who was once very antagonistic toward our faith. Though there were several unsaved folks in the service, there were no new professions of faith in Jesus Christ. How we do thank the Lord for those who come to hear the Word of God whether they are saved or not. We are especially burdened for some who attend fairly regularly and yet have not come to the Lord for salvation.

To see the folks that are at least willing to sit under the preaching of the Word of God and learn the truth about God and His plan of salvation, where some thought this to be a hopeless endeavor, is a testimony to the grace and power of our God. We praise His dear name and give Him thanks every day.

God has blessed us and the entire island of Guam concerning His protection from the storms. This past week He made it very evident. We are known by some as "typhoon alley." For the past few weeks, we have seen tropical systems form near the Mariana Islands and move on westward. One system and its affects sent us over 30 inches of rain. Last week, another system formed to the north then moved southward past us by over one hundred miles then turned northwestward just brushing us with some blustery winds and some more rain. Yesterday, October 20, it was about 500 miles to the west of us with winds at 145 miles per hour. Again, we thank and praise the Lord for His Mighty Hand that protected this island.

We are keenly aware that God's blessings and the protection of His work is in a great way a result of your prayers and support of His work here. We do sincerely appreciate all that you do to make it possible for us to be your co-laborers here.

Your continued prayer is needed and greatly appreciated.

- For the souls of those who come to hear the Word of God and those that we contact in the community.
- For continued health, strength, and supply for the work.
- For the Henderson family in their deputation.
- For the wisdom and power of God in the work.

Because of Christ,
Elwood and Doris Hurst