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Dear precious friends and family,

We send greetings to you all in the precious name of Jesus Christ from the beautiful island of Guam. We want to thank all of you for your patience with us concerning the delay of this letter. Please be assured that the delay is not due to our lack of interest or concern. We sincerely realize that without you folks, we could not be here. We often thank God for you and pray for you.

The Lord continues to bless with our faithful few. It is a special blessing to see them grow in the Lord and develop some biblical convictions. We also enjoy the sweet, Christian fellowship after each service around the old kitchen table. It develops a good bond like a family. The folks supply the food, and it just may be the reason that we sometimes have to let the belt out a notch. Good old, Chamorro food!

One project that we are working on is the compiling of a Constitution and By-Laws document. These documents are necessary to do business here on the island as a church. It is about complete except for a technical issue with which this old missionary is having problems. Once that is complete, we have an eye on a small plot of land that we believe would make a good location for Gospel Light Baptist Church. We are sincerely praying that the Lord would make His will known to us and provide the resources.

God blessed in the surgery that Doris underwent for her gall bladder. Of course, it was painful immediately after the surgery, but God blessed with a speedy recovery, and she is back to normal from that problem. We still are praying and working with the medical folks concerning the other issues. We still have the neurologist, the urologist, and the general doctor. Your earnest prayer would be greatly appreciated, especially for the dementia issue. Elwood recently had a physical check up and had a good report for an old man. If the Lord tarries His coming, and I live until next birthday in April, God will have blessed me with the fourscore mark. He has been more than merciful and gracious with me. It is a blessing to be able to rise from the bed and carry on with the work every day, including some pretty active work. We praise the Lord and give Him glory and praise for all He has done.

We thank and praise God for His protection in diverting the storms past us. We have had several that bypassed Guam for the most part. We have been blessed with an abundance of rain. A few days ago we got over nine inches in one day. Pray for Saipan.

God has also blessed the Henderson family in their deputation. Our last report was that the Lord has blessed with 78% of their support goal. We look forward to their arrival and working with them. Please also pray for the Quinlan family who is now about half way through their furlough. We also look forward to their return. Brother Jim Bailey and his dear wife are doing a good work in filling in at Lighthouse.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The salvation of the folks in this village and on this island. We long to see the Lord open their eyes to the Truth.

The churches that are faithfully preaching the Word of God.

The health of the missionaries.

The wisdom, power and clear leading of our Lord Jesus Christ in the work.

The growth of the believers and their love for the Word and souls.

Doris and I want to thank all of you sincerely for your prayers and your faithful support to this ministry. We are keenly aware that what we receive from you is a sacred responsibility of ours to be good stewards. We realize that it represents sacrifice and faith on your part. We sincerely appreciate the honor of serving with you. We pray for you.

Because of Christ.

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