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Dear Friends and Lifeline Holders,

We send you greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ from the southern tip of Guam, where the mountains rise high above us, and the ocean is seven miles deep. To be reminded of the mighty power of our Lord and Savior is a daily blessing. To see His power in the heights and to know of the depths near us is a great blessing and reminder of the fact that He is our Savior.

Again, it has been longer than we would like since we reported to you on the work and the workers here in Merizo. Though it has not been in writing, we do pray for you regularly and thank God that we have the privilege of serving with you. We are always aware that it is because the labor and prayer of God's people that we can be here on the field. Thank you all sincerely for the prayers and the lifeline you hold.

We have our constitution and by-laws compiled and ready to present to Revenue and Taxation for their approval. We are moving slowly and cautiously, waiting for some of our folks to gain victory over some issues and to make sure that the core of our folks are firm in convictions and faith. It is a blessing to see the folks growing in the Lord. We look forward to the day when this step is taken. We are not able legally to purchase property in the name of Gospel Light Church until we have the Constitution and By-laws adopted by the body of believers. However, we do have a plot of land in mind that is for sale. It will need to be investigated more before we move forward, but it looks mighty appealing.

The week of October 7-9 we had a three-day series of meetings to observe our third anniversary. The Lord blessed in a great way. Lighthouse Baptist Church, our former place of labor and our sending church, came in two vans. We had some first-time visitors as well. We were blessed by the preaching of Pastor Jim Bailey and a brother who works on the neighboring island of Rota. Our attendance packed our house with over 40 souls. It was a blessing that our landlady, her husband, her son and his fiancé, her mother-in-law and her stepmother attended. This family is all Catholic; they received a clear Gospel message. Please pray with us that they will be available for more witness. The son informed me that the Bible that we gave them was the first that he ever owned. He has reported to me that he is reading the Bible and that his fiancé is also reading the Gospel of John.

It seems that it has been more like three months than three years. As we look back on what God has done in these three years, we are blessed and give Him all the glory. In a community where we were told that a Baptist church could not be started, there have been 7 professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. There have been two marriages to right a wrong of unmarried co-habitation. Again, we praise God for all that He has done and give Him the glory. Please pray that there will be many more come to Jesus as Savior. There are many around us that are blinded by the false religion that is so ingrained in their lives.

The Henderson family is still on the road and visiting many churches. They have given a great report of reaching 84% of the support goal. Please pray that they will soon be able to come and join us in the work. We really look forward to their fellowship and ministry.

Please pray also for the Quinlan family as they are well advanced on the furlough time. We look forward to their return to Lighthouse and the work there. Pastor Bailey is doing a great work filling in for the Quinlan family, and we are enjoying some sweet fellowship.

One of the men that have been saved since we came here has been diagnosed with a fast growing, stage 2-3 oral cancer. Please pray the Lord will guide and direct and provide for the resources to take care of this great need.

The Lord brought Elwood through a recent bout with the flu that kept him inactive for two weeks. Please pray also for Doris and that the Lord will intervene in the need of healing for her dementia. Please pray the Lord will grant grace, wisdom and strength to these old missionaries.

Thank you again for all that you do in supporting this ministry. Without you we could not be here, much less, shine the light of the Gospel to these precious folks. We love you and will continue in prayer for you and your ministry.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst