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Dear Co-Laborers and Friends,

In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we send you greetings from the harvest field of Guam, U.S.A. The trade winds are blowing, and the temperature is consistently in the 80s. God surely knows how to make an old missionary feel well.

It is truly a blessing to be able to report to you, our faithful friends and family, that God is still blessing, and He is still making Himself known. Thank you so very much for the blessing of serving with you here and for the faithful prayers and material support.

We still have our faithful few and the Lord has been working in some lives and given evidence of some growth. We have one more lady who has professed Jesus Christ as Savior and has been studying with us. We have set a tentative date for baptism. God has worked through a serious sickness in one of the men to bring him back to the Lord and fellowship with our folks. Another man who was saved early in this work is a school-teacher and is frequently being asked questions and called on to lead in prayer at school. He is also very faithful in the church and the work here. Once again this year, we challenged our folks to read the Bible through at least once in the year. We supplied a schedule, and according to their testimony, they are all on schedule in reading. Praise the Lord!

God continues to bless the ministry of the Henderson family, and we are praying and looking forward to their joining in soon. The goal is for mid or late May. Please keep them in prayer that the Lord will send them in His perfect time. Please pray for us also as we prepare for their arrival.

We have had the blessing of co-laboring and enjoying fellowship with Brother James Bailey and Mrs. Bailey for the year while they fill in for the Quinlan family. The year has seemed mighty short. The 24<sup>th</sup> of February, the Quinlan family is scheduled to arrive back on Guam and resume their ministry at Lighthouse. We really look forward to seeing them again.

Your continued prayers would be greatly appreciated for the work and for our health. We long to see more of the local folks saved and in the work of the Lord. The folks of the village seem to be realizing that there is an old missionary here that will be here for a while, and they are becoming more friendly and neighborly.

As for our health, Elwood is doing well for an old almost 80 year old. Last year, Doris was diagnosed with the onset of dementia. She has been under the care of a neurologist. This led to another diagnosis in early December of Alzheimer's disease. Her medication was increased, and we started looking and searching diligently for answers. The symptoms seemed to be more and more obvious in spite of the medication and treatments. In researching one day, we read of a man that had his Alzheimer's disease reversed by adding coconut oil to his food. I know that Internet information is not always that accurate, but somehow this seemed to be real. We spoke to the neurologist, and he agreed that it was worth a try. While we continue on the medication, Doris continues using the coconut oil in her food. Of course, many have been praying and somehow our Lord has blessed and now there is clear evidence of improvement with Doris. She is much more mobile and more alert and clear in her thinking. I have pleaded with the Lord to just let us touch the hem of His garment, and we give Him the glory. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! We are not declaring Doris healed, but we praise the God and Savior Who can do the impossible for His evident work in the life of Doris. This is a tremendous blessing since we were ready to start packing and make plans to return to the mainland. Now, it seems that the Lord has blessed us with a little more time to see the work go on in the hands of a godly family, and we hope to be able to overlap them for some time.

Your prayers would be appreciated also that the Lord would enable us to maintain our two locations. We need to maintain the house we live in here because, for the lack of another place, the church meets in our home. Our tenant at the house in South Carolina will move out at the end of February. This means we will have the responsibility of the monthly payments there too. We are confident the Lord will provide, but we need your prayers.

We apologize for the lengthy letter, but you are our family, and we want to keep you posted on the work and the workers. Again, we give God glory for all the blessings and the clear answer to prayer. It makes an old man want to work harder to get more done for His glory.

We love and appreciate each of you and do pray for you. It is an honor and a blessing to serve with you. God bless you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Christ,

*Elwood and Doris Hurst*