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Dear Praying Saints of God,

We praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow. It is a tremendous blessing to be able to turn to those with whom we can pray and share in blessing and burdens.

First, we want to share the blessings. The work is still going well, and we have had some good attendance in the meetings on Sunday mornings. Including children, we have topped twenty a few times and once topped thirty. We praise God for the encouragement. Two teenagers were saved in the last two or three weeks. The lady mentioned in our last letter, who was scheduled for baptism, was baptized on March 13. This is the lady that at first did not want to attend church here. Then, she denied us a request to visit her in her home. Now, she has been saved and married out of a fornicating relationship. She stood before the church and stated that she intended to serve God the rest of her life. She is still in the process of discipleship study and attends church faithfully. God is so merciful and His grace so boundless!

Secondly, we would like to share a family blessing. Our grandson, Daniel Hurst, just graduated from the basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. It turned into a family reunion as our whole family was there to support him, including all of his cousins. Space will not allow us to go into the details of what led to this, but suffice it to say that it is a clear act of God. His dad, Glen, reports that he has found some Christian friends with which to study the Bible. Praise the Lord!

We also want to praise God for sustaining Doris' improvement. She is still mobile and increasing little-by-little in her activity. We give God all the glory, and we are so very thankful for His blessings. She continues to have some memory problems, but not as severe as it has been in the past. Please pray with us that God's grace will sustain her health.

The above text is a very real mountain peak for us. Today, we took a fast trip to some troubled territory. As most of you know we were on furlough in 2001/2002. Because of our age, we purchased a small house in Greenville, SC. This was to provide a place for my wife in the event that the Lord took me since I am of good age. (80 in April) In order to pay the mortgage, we have been renting the house. Before we left we stored all of our belongings (furniture, winter clothing, tools and some other small appliances) in the garage and secured it. We also had some yard maintenance equipment like a mower, tiller, chain saw and trimmer stored there. Early this morning my son called and informed me that thieves had ripped some boards off the back of the building and had hauled off all of our possessions, including a safe where we had secured our vital records. We are insured and hopefully we will recover some of the cost of replacing the stolen items. The police have investigated and made a report, but there has been no word yet on any progress. Would you please pray that somehow the property could be located and returned to us? The large items included a full bedroom set (bed, chest of drawers, and dresser), a 6-chair dining set, some end tables and a leather chair. They were kind to leave a couch and love seat, probably because there was not enough room on the trailer that they hauled it on.

In addition to the prayer needs mentioned above, we could use some help in preparing this house for the Henderson family. We have permission to turn the front porch into a large room. The extra space is needed to go from the home of a couple to a home of 12 people. It is the only place in this village that is suitable and available for the family. The church is still meeting in our home since it is also the most suitable location. When we have more than 20 folks, it gets a bit close in here. However, it's a good problem to have!

Your prayers and support is what keep us going through times like this and keeps us on the field. It is truly an honor to serve with you and for you here on Guam. Thank you from the depth of our hearts for all that you do to keep us going.

Because of Christ,

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