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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers in Jesus Christ,

With a heart of gratitude for the privilege to serve with you, we send you greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

We sincerely thank you for all the prayers and for the faithful support to this missionary family as we wait on the Lord for His healing and leading. This is a time of testing and proving. It is a blessing to spend some time with our children and family. It is a blessing to know that we have tried all the resources that we can find to get help for Doris. The local doctors have not really done any more than the ones in Guam had done. However, it is good to know that we are not isolated on the island should a more serious condition occur. On October 11, we begin a month of appointments for Doris' cataract surgeries. One of her eyes is so coated with the cataract that they could not even measure it. However, the surgeon says that there should not be a problem in the surgery. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated through this. Both eyes will have the lenses replaced. It will be a blessing for Doris to have good vision again.

The Alzheimer problem is about the same as when we returned from the field with some degradation. Doris is on medication for this, and we are searching and trying anything that could possibly help. We are very thankful to the Lord for the fact that she is still mobile and to some extent self-sufficient. Elwood is learning to be a housekeeper, cook and medicine dispenser. I thank God for His mercy and grace.

The other challenge that we have faced here is replacing all of our vital documents and some household furnishing. We are very thankful for the help our children have been and for the help from some of our churches.

Because we are not on the field now, it is our burden to be productive and give an account for the faithful support that you folks are providing. It is also our conviction that we owe it to the supporters to report to you what has been done in this term on Guam. It is a blessing of the grace of God that He allowed us to spend a full "term" just short of two months. The word "term" is not a fixed time in our labor. We have had five and six-year "terms" while serving in Guam. It is to God's glory that some souls were saved and the seed of the Gospel Light Baptist Church has been planted. It is also the grace of God and His glory that He sent a family of like precious faith into the field when it was necessary for us to return to the mainland. He is always exactly on time. Just last week, Brother Henderson reported that a man was saved during the visitation ministry. Praise God!

While we have been getting organized with the doctors and housing, we have been visiting the nearby churches. We have had a few opportunities to speak and report. We are in the process of preparing ourselves to begin the reporting process. As I mentioned above, we have appointments during the months of October and November. However, if the pastors would like us to come and report to your church during these months, please call and we will do our utmost to meet your schedule. My cell phone number is where I can be reached most easily. [(864) 501-6250] Additional contact information is located above in the letterhead.

Again, we thank you for standing with us through this time of testing. As we wait, we are also praying for you. We are so very thankful for all the help and prayers that you, our mission and our family have been through this time of testing. Most of all we are thankful to our God for His mercy and grace. We love Him and look forward to the time we can be more productive.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst