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Dear family, friends and fellow laborers:

Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

We come once again to fulfill our responsibility and our desire to report to you, the ones who are responsible for keeping an old missionary going. Every day we thank God for the precious faithful saints of God that stand with us and sustain us by the good grace of God.

In November we were scheduled to travel to North Carolina, Maryland, and New Jersey. November 25 we were lodging in a hotel, and in the night Doris fell from the bed and brought on an alarming time for me. When I discovered that she was not in bed and found her unresponsive on the floor frankly, it was frightening to me. After getting her back on the bed she began to respond, but with great pain in her back. The kind pastor that we were to preach for morning and evening on November 25 was so very kind to excuse us with an agreement to reschedule the meeting. We got Doris loaded in the car as comfortably as possible and traveled back to Greenville to an emergency room. The diagnosis was that Doris had a compression fracture in one of the lumbar vertebrae. This did not require surgery or hospitalization. It did, however, require more attention in the care-taking. I am thankful to say that as of now she has little to no pain and as far as we know the fracture is healed. There have been a few falls, but all but one have been soft landings. One fall required radiology and a doctors appointment. The diagnosis was that there were no broken bones, but it did reveal some arthritis.

I regret to report that, but I want our friends and supporters to know what is going on with us. This incident temporarily put our meeting schedules on hold. We are now slowly trying to get rescheduled but at a little slower pace. We were blessed to fulfill the rescheduled meeting in North Carolina. We are so very thankful to the pastors that have been so patient with us and to our Lord for allowing us to keep moving for His glory though at a slower pace. As for the Alzheimer's it is still slowly gaining on Doris in her cognizance and mobility. We depend much more on the wheelchair now. She still enjoys riding, and we have made arrangements in the car for her to ride comfortably.

Your patience with us is greatly appreciated. We are not trying to prove anything or impress anybody by continuing in the travel. It is our conviction to serve our Lord in any way possible until He takes us home. My heart still longs for the islands and the precious souls there, but at this time my clear responsibility is to take care of the wife that God gave me. I would appreciate your prayers for Doris and for me to be the caretaker that I need to be. If we can be of any help to any of your churches or ministries, we will be blessed to be given the opportunity and will do our utmost to fulfill the request. We will be rescheduling the meetings that have been canceled since November. Again, we are so thankful for the patience and kindness of you pastors who have worked with us. I am also grateful to World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions for the open door of service and support.

It has been a blessing to see God continue to bless the works on Guam. The new pastor is now in Lighthouse Baptist Church with his family, and they tell us that they are glad they are there. Please pray with the King family and the church as it goes through the transition. Please continue to pray for the Quinlans also. I am so thankful for their faithful service in Lighthouse. I also praise God for how He is using the Henderson family in Gospel Light Baptist Church in Merizo. They report that during the year of 2018 there were 30 professions of faith and 18 of those have followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Only God can do that in a village where we were told that we could not start a Baptist church.

Again, a heartfelt thank you for the prayers and support and patience. We do pray for you also and thank God for you. Without you, we would be unable to go.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst