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Dear Friends, Family and Lifeline Holders,

It is our prayer that you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings.

I apologize for this being a week or so on the delinquent side. It has been the old the "hurrier I go the behinder I get." Actually, I feel like I'm giving more of a medical report than a mission report. I am thankful for the witnesses and the local opportunities that the Lord provides here.

If you forgive the medical report, I will try to bring you up to present with Doris' status. It seems that we go from one event to another added to the constant issue of Alzheimer's. I believe we already reported about the fall from a hotel bed in North Carolina that caused a lumbar spinal compression fracture. Thankfully, it did not require surgery and at present is not causing any problem for which we thank the Lord. There has also been a fall which resulted in only bruises that required an x-ray and doctor's visit. There has been a lesser urgent event of infection that required doctor's attention. The next major event was pneumonia — this cost a week in the hospital and a week bedridden here at home. After the week of being bedridden, the already-weak mobility was depleted. That required a month in rehabilitation service. She was admitted as a patient for the rehab, and thankfully, she can now do some walking with a walker and helper. Any long-distance movement requires a wheelchair. Doris is now back home and being visited by a team of therapists and a nurse. This is a temporary arrangement mainly to make sure that the transition to home is working. I am serving as the physical therapist in their absence.

I am sure that some are wondering when we will get back to doing the work that you sent us to do. First, I want to let you know that my hindrance in doing the work as you have supported me to do hurts my old heart, and I long to be more useful in our calling and commission. I am thankful for our church that has provided some opportunity to do some work for our Lord. I have also had an opportunity to be a witness to many of the medical personnel and have met some Christian folks that were a blessing. Please do not think that I am just clinging on to get your support and live a retirement life. If this is retirement, please let me work. What we are clinging to is the hope of getting back on the road in into some churches to promote and support the cause of missions. The fields are "WHITE UNTO HARVEST." It is our desire to be used of the Lord in His mission of reaching a world that needs the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the meantime, we will do all we can and pray that the Lord's grace will allow us to soon be back in the work we were sent to do. Your prayers and your kind support are a huge encouragement and a lifeline. It has been a tremendous blessing to have you all as faithful friends to not forget but to stand by us through this time of difficulty. Churches and fellow Christians have been so loyal and encouraging in communications and prayers. Of course, our Lord Jesus Christ has been very faithful in giving strength and grace through the trials. We praise HIS DEAR NAME.

Again, please pardon the lengthy report and thank you sincerely for all that you are doing to keep us going. It is our prayer daily to the Lord is to bless the churches and our fellow Christians in His work.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst