

# ELWOOD AND DORIS HURST

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Dear friends and lifeline holders,

It is our prayer that you are enjoying the best of God's blessings. We are truly blessed to have friends and praying brothers and sisters who stand with us even in our troubled times. We thank God for you every morning and pray for God to bless you richly.

I am keenly aware that we are accountable to you to report our status regularly. My goal is to send you a message every other month, reporting our status and what we have been doing with our time and resources. It is our hearts' burden to be able to report that we have seen many come to know Christ through our witness. Honesty is the only thing that God can bless.

Our status is still about the same as in our last letter. Doris still has a physical therapist visit once a week to try and sustain the strength and mobility that has been gained since the pneumonia. The days that the therapist is not here, I take on that role. I am thankful that Doris can walk short distances with a walker and a little help. When we need to go to church or run some errands, I transport her to the car by wheelchair, and she always likes to ride. I am thankful that she still has her famous smile and has not been combative as some Alzheimer patients are. I am also thankful for God's grace in giving this old man the strength to take care of Doris.

God has opened some opportunities for me here. Of course, we witness for the Lord as we go. Our home church has allowed some opportunities to serve a little for our Lord. Occasionally, we have the blessing of speaking in the college chapel. We have been asked to help with the public school children's ministry. Soon we will begin making some audio messages for the Bible college. Of course, I am trying already to provide some service with our mission by writing some articles and offering to help other missionaries in a Barnabas capacity. Finding the time and the ability to concentrate for that can be challenging, but I thank God and our mission family for affording the opportunity. Being a housekeeper and a caretaker does not leave much freedom. It is my first responsibility, and I must do my best to fulfill that.

We are hoping to venture out more in some meetings in the coming weeks and months as the Lord provides open doors. We wouldn't try long-distance meetings at first, but I believe Doris can handle some not-too-far trips. We have already had a few meetings in the past months in the hundred-mile range. If we can be a help to any of you faithful friends, please let us know.

Again, thank you sincerely for standing with us and praying for us. The only way we can keep going is by your support and prayers. We love and appreciate each of you from the depth of our hearts.

Please also pray for some of our mission friends who are experiencing health issues. Brother Russell Bell with cancer, Brother John O'Malley recovering from triple heart bypass surgery, and Brother Dalton Heath recovering from gall bladder problems.

Please keep that works in Guam in prayer. God has been mightily blessing in the works there.

God bless you as you faithfully serve Him,

Because of Christ,

*Elwood and Doris Hurst*