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Dear friends and lifeline holders,

It is our prayer that you are already enjoying the blessings of our Lord in this new year of 2020.

We want to thank you for your prayers and support that have had a considerable part in bringing this family to more than our fourscore years. As these years go on and we are now in a brand-new decade, and we look back over the years ever since God saved us and put us in the ministry and to the mission field, we are amazed. We thank God for the blessings of these years. He has blessed us with some dear friends and allowed us to work with some of the most wonderful servants of God. The older we get, the more we are thankful for each of our dear friends. Of course, the dearest Friend of all is our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who saved us and led us along the path for these years.

His grace has allowed us to be one of His laborers. He has supplied our needs through precious brothers and sisters in prayer and material ways. He has given more grace when we failed in the flesh. He loved us when we were totally unworthy. He has allowed us to see Him reach into the hearts of some souls and bring them into His fold. He brought faithful laborers to step into the works when we were not able. We could go on and on thanking Jesus Christ for all His many blessings. The sum of it is that we praise Him for His manifold blessings and for His grace that guides and sustains old sinners and allows us to bear His holy Name. PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!!

We were blessed to see our children during the Christmas season. We were blessed to have some visitors from our church. We thank those who blessed us with cards and gifts. We, by no means, take these blessings for granted. We consider these special blessings, especially when we are limited in our work due to illness.

God has been good to us in a measure of health. Doris is still able to be somewhat mobile. She uses a walker here in the house with some help. She rides the wheelchair when she needs to travel further distances. Of course, we have the challenge of Alzheimer's disease. There have been some instances of other health problems, but she is still fairly stable in her physical health. She can pull up on the back of the pew at church and still mouths the songs. This may seem small to some, but to us, it is a blessing. God has blessed in giving us sixty-one years together. Thirty-seven of those have been spent on and off the mission field. To God be the glory. He has been with us through the blessings and the trials and tribulations.

In recent weeks, we have had an attack from the devil's corp. While exhausted in mind and body due to being a caretaker, Elwood fell prey to the attack of a "scammer." This caused a tremendous financial loss that will be a great challenge to recover from. Your prayers would be much appreciated. The police and FBI are at work on it, and we are too. However, the devil's crowd are very "smart" and have ways to escape the consequences of their doings.

Again, we thank each saint of God, church, and dear friend who has stood with us through these times of limited ability in the work that God called us to do. Your patience is greatly appreciated. We do pray for all of our supporters and the souls of people. God blesses us with some opportunities, and we praise Him for each one.

God bless you each of you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Christ,

*Elwood and Doris Hurst*