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Dear Friends, Family and Lifeline Holders,

We thank our Heavenly Father for you and for all that you do in prayer and provision to sustain this missionary family and for your faithful stand for the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we go deeper and deeper into this valley, you are more and more on our hearts as we give thanks to God for your kindness and care for an old missionary family.

We were reminded more clearly of that word "old" on May 2. My dad, if he were living, would have been 114 years old. How I still miss him and thank God for him. He taught me many things, including to work.

Well, friends, once again, I would like very much to give you a report of much fruit in souls saved and much preaching and work for the Lord.

However, my "much work" once again is to care for my dear wife, my first responsibility before God. I am very thankful for the help from the hospice service that sends someone to relieve me of the bathing three times a week. Also, our precious children have generously agreed to hire a lady to come three times a week and spend four hours taking care of some of Doris' needs, i.e., bathing, laundry and sitting with her for the four hours to allow me to do some errands and work outside the house. It helps a great deal in a change of environment also. I am so thankful to God for these blessings.

As for Doris' condition, she is steadily declining in strength both physically and mentally. She still has her sweet smile, which speaks to me a message of gratitude. She is not yet bedridden but requires more and more lifting and close attention. The pandemic has kept us a bit closer to home than the past due to weakened immunity, but we were blessed to attend some of our drive-in services and old-folks' services at church. We thank God for our faithful pastor, who has worked diligently to keep us fed and supplied with good messages from God's Word via streaming and Facebook. The folks at church have also been very kind to keep in touch with and pray for us. God works in so many channels to care for His children.

As a routine, each time we write to express our gratitude to you who stand so faithfully with us in prayer and support. Though it is a routine, it comes from a heart of gratitude, and we are very keenly aware of Who and from where our blessings come. I know it seems like an endless situation, but we still look hopefully to a day when we can be more engaged in the work that God called us to do over forty years ago. We are also so very thankful for the friends that God has blessed us with and for their continued fellowship, even over a great distance.

Sincerely, thank you for all that you do to keep us going and praying for us. We do pray for you all daily and ask God to bless you in your ministry.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst