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Dear Friends and Lifeline Holders:

We pray this letter finds you enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings. We also pray that you may be beginning to see your way through the trials of the pandemic. We are thankful for the blessing of having One Who knows the beginning and the end and that He will never leave nor forsake us.

Doris and I are still working our way through our tests. I am so thankful for the blessings of our Lord. Doris does not have the violent type of Alzheimer's. Through the handicaps and the caretaking, there are trials, but God has and still is giving grace to do what is needed. Thanks to you folks, our needs are being met. We strive to be as good stewards of that you provide, and we do pray for you and thank God for you every day before we partake of any of the provisions. Of course, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ that we can still put our feet on the floor and are still mobile, except Doris is wheelchair only. We are thankful for the help that we receive from hospice and from the lady that comes five days to help with Doris. It gives me some time to run errands and take care of business. She comes four hours each of those days. Our precious children are footing the bill on that.

Another item that we are thankful for is the stability of Doris' vitals. Though her Alzheimer's is still slowly but steadily declining, the insurance qualifications for the hospice service is based on her vitals. We therefore have received notice that unless there is a change, Doris will be discharged from the hospice service sometime in March. This will add some workload on us, but we know the Lord will sustain and provide. We are doing some checking on the possibility of some other service covered under the insurance. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support.

I long to be able to tell you about some service in the fields of harvest, however, my number one assignment now is to take care of Mamma. I realize that it has been lengthy, but God sees fit so far to keep Doris here despite the predictions of the medical folks. We are thankful for the blessing of having Mrs. Smiles with us. In a few more weeks, we both will add another number to our ages. It seems unreal to me that I have been on this earth for nearly 85 years, and we have been a team for 62 years. God has blessed us and allowed us to serve Him as missionaries for forty-three years.

God's grace has sustained us through trials, but He has brought some glory to Himself and allowed us to see it.

Our tracks have been in many places here in the states and in the northern islands of the Pacific. We miss the folks and the places, but thankfully some of them still communicate with us and pray for us.

We want to request your prayer support for two pastors who have been dear friends for many years.

1. Dr. Bill Wingard (pancreatic cancer) - He is one of the most humble, godly, and compassionate men I know. He is the man God used to start World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions and led the trail out into the Micronesian Islands. He has helped and counseled many missionaries through the mission board and the Calvary Baptist Church in New Bern, NC.
2. Pastor Jack Shook (bone cancer) - A faithful pastor in South Carolina. He's pastored his most recent church for 35 years.

We ask your prayers for Doris and me to be used somehow to bring glory to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also need His extra grace in the caretaking and Doris' health.

We have said many times that words cannot express our gratitude to you and our Lord for the blessings He has bestowed on us, and it is true. God has allowed us to serve with some of the most precious folks on the earth. We are blessed with a pastor and a church that prays and helps. We love and appreciate each of you and pray daily for the Lord to bless your ministry.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst