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Dear Precious Friends and Co-laborers,

We praise our Lord for another opportunity to communicate with those who faithfully stand with us. We are so thankful to God for you. Amid many blessings, we find some tests. It all comes from our precious Lord, and He knows what we need and what we can do. There is nothing that He cannot handle.

What little commuting Doris and I did in the past was on our Corolla. It works, and it is dependable. However, transferring Doris from the wheelchair to the seat in the car was working on this older man's back. We tried as many different processes as we could figure out. Wheelchair vans are not easily found in a reasonable price range. To our pleasant surprise, some of our friends understood our situation, and to our greater pleasure and surprise, we were blessed with a used wheelchair van. It makes a difference to wheel Doris up in the van, secure the wheelchair, and drive away. The longest trip that we made with it was to our annual mission family meeting in North Carolina.

It was a tremendous blessing to see some of our co-laborers for the first time in years. Unfortunately, we could stay only one night due to Doris' needs. Doris had a soft fall getting out of bed, and the men blessed in helping get her up and back in her chair. Thankfully, there was no injury. It was a blessed time, especially on my birthday, 86 years. God is so good with these precious friendships.

As for our physical condition, our Lord has kept us going. Doris is back on hospice service. Her physical condition is about the same. There is a gradual weakening mentally due to Alzheimer's disease. However, she is still smiling and still being cared for by her old husband. Just this week, we were surprised to have contracted the covid. Elwood got it started. We have no idea where it joined us, but since Elwood is the caretaker, it was soon joined by Doris. Our sweet daughter came to help with Doris. Linda had the shots and the boosters, but the covid managed to overcome the vaccine and boosters. Thankfully, we could get Doris in the hospice house for one week due to the hospice services, which allowed Elwood to catch up a bit. We are slowly gaining on the covid, and hopefully, we will be back to normal soon. Thank you for praying.

I know I have said this before, but I plan to visit some of our close churches by the grace of God. It has been far too long since we have seen you. Your continued prayers are sincerely appreciated. Please pray for some needs in Guam and the Marshalls. Please pray for Pastor Kenny King that he will have healing soon to the internal organs. He has been hospitalized in the Guam Navy hospital. Also, please pray for Sai Abraham and his wife, Charleen. He had a stroke, and it brought on some brain bleeding. Thankfully to the Great Physician, he is recovering. Please pray that he will be able to get back to his work and ministry. Please pray for his wife as she waits by his side for healing. Finally, please pray sincerely for Lighthouse Baptist Church that the Lord would bless the church with more laborers.

Please pray for the other ministries there and that the time of being shut down from covid could be recovered. Some of the more vital members and supporters have left the island, and it works a real hardship for Pastor King. But it belongs to Jesus, and He will see it through.

Again, we want to thank you for staying with us and praying for us. You are our dear friends in Jesus, and we sincerely thank God for you and the love and patience you have demonstrated to us. We pray with you daily and long to see the day that we could be more fruitful to the glory of God. It is His work and His will and His glory. God bless you each as you labor in His harvest.

Because of Christ,

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