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Dear precious friends and lifeline holders,

I pray this letter finds you enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings.

To begin this letter, I want to apologize for the delinquency. Busy is always the excuse, but it is about worn out. So, I will just leave it to say that I am very sorry for being later than I usually am. Thank you for your patience.

Our status is still about the same. We have been out to a few of our churches, but mostly at our home church. The caretaking has picked up. In fact, Doris is back on the hospice service with a different agency. I am very thankful for the help that this brings. Doris gets bathed by them three times a week. Elwood does the rest, including the hours the service is not here at home. Their time amounts to about 2-3 hours in the early mornings of Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We have a nurse visit normally once a week to check the vitals and any problems. This brings me to the present time. Doris is now experiencing a urinary tract infection. She has these fairly often, and it really shuts her down. It is a blessing that I do not have to transport her to the doctor's office. Your prayers would be sincerely appreciated for her and this old caretaker. These issues about double the needed activity of the caretaker and about cuts in half or more any help Doris can give in caring for her own needs. Recently, Doris was evaluated by a state agency, and they determined that according to Doris' symptoms, she is at stage 6 of 7. According to the nurse, stage 6 can last about two years. Actually, the condition six symptoms have been there for quite a while already. Only God knows. We appreciate your prayers more than our words could express.

You have all been such a blessing in standing with us through this lengthy and disabling situation. Our church has been very faithful in watching over us and helping us. The wheelchair van that was donated is a tremendous help. It allows us, when Doris is able, to get to church and visit some of our local supporting churches. Folks are frequently checking on us and helping in any way possible. I do not have the words to express what your faithful prayers and support mean to us. We always pray for you as we come to the table. In my mind, I see the saints of God laboring and giving through their church so that these old missionaries' needs are met. Though I do not have the words to express our gratitude, from the depth of our hearts, THANK YOU.

I still long to be able to do more for our Lord. It is a blessing to be able via cellular telephone to communicate with some of the folks that are serving the Lord. I speak with missionaries and folks we served with in the islands of Micronesia and some other fields. Recently, a lady from Pohnpei came to our church. I cannot describe what that did to this old heart. I pray we can get together and help her and their family.

We thank and praise God for His many and bountiful blessings and faithful prayers for us. Though we are limited in our situation as to service, our loving and gracious God has sustained us and blessed us far beyond what we deserve. We thank God that we are ready to meet our Lord where there will not be any Alzheimer's or other sicknesses and no more troubles.

One blessing that I have not shared yet came from our church. On Father's Day, Tabernacle Bible College blessed this old missionary, far beyond any worthiness or qualifications, with an Honorary Doctorate degree in missiology. I am unworthy of it. I thank God for the honor of the trust of our pastor and the leadership of the college placed in this unworthy missionary.

Thank you all for sustaining us materially and spiritually as we do what we can here in our home. We love and appreciate each of you and each church that has faithfully stood by us. God bless each of these precious friends with many times more than they have invested in this family. I will do my utmost not to be as delinquent as this.

Because of Christ,
Elwood and Doris Hurst