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Dear precious friends and faithful supporters,

You folks are so very kind and faithful in remembering this old missionary family. We are keenly aware of your love, grace, and prayers. The road is long and difficult, but by God's grace and faithful folks like you, we will make it; to God be the glory.

Once again, I am beyond my normal time of writing, but I want to report to you what is happening here at 109 Mary Street. My apology for being late. Our status is about the same as last time, except for some changes in Doris' condition. We had the blessing of visiting two of our supporting churches. We are limited in the distance that we can travel due to Doris' condition. One of our visits was to a missions conference here in Greenville. These folks have supported us for many years. The other one was not a conference but has been our faithful supporter for many years. It is a small amount of labor for that length of time, but I praise God for allowing us to make those two. I pray we can do more in the coming months. We thank God that our home church is very close, and most of the time, we are able to attend. I am also thankful that when we are not able to make it in person, we are blessed to have the streaming service. It is not church, but it is the next best.

Doris' condition is slowly declining. She is still totally dependent for all of her personal needs. She dwells either in the bed or the wheelchair. Her speech is very rare. There are days that I may not hear but one or two words. She has some difficulty eating now, so all the food must be processed. She has lost a good bit of weight. There are other personal matters that she is completely dependent on someone else to do for her. Thankfully, she still has her smile and enjoys church and listening.

Our hearts have been moved recently by some events happening in Guam. About two months ago, a brother we knew from Pohnpei, now living in Guam, had a severe stroke. These folks are precious to us and faithfully serve in their church in Pohnpei. By the good grace of God, he survived, is in the process of therapy, and is mobile. Praise the Name of our Savior! Just before this happened, I received a message from another man from Pohnpei asking me to pray for him. His health was declining. This man had served with Lighthouse Baptist Church and with us since he arrived in Guam. He was a dear friend and a faithful servant to our Lord. He had a liver problem that took him home to be with Jesus. He is preceded by his wife. They both were faithful servants and dear friends to this missionary.

The most recent event was this past week. While visiting two of their children at Bible College in Wisconsin, Missionary Bill Henderson had a severe heart attack. By the grace of God, because it happened there instead of Merizo, Guam, he survived that attack. His son supplied CPR until the ambulance arrived about 5 minutes after the attack. They found that a main artery was 100% blocked. By the good grace of God and a good stint, he was released from the hospital and attended church. Of course, he has therapy and healing to do, but he plans to return to the work in Merizo, Guam. I received a picture of a recent service, still held in the missionary home, with about 50 attendees. I am told that these are mostly faithful attendees. Praise God for His grace!

I am grateful that though I am not active in the works in the islands, the folks are still keeping me in the circle of friends. It really stirs the heart of this old missionary to know of things going on there, and I am not able to be there for them. In my heart, I am even dreaming about the islands. God is SO GOOD TO THIS OLD MISSIONARY!

Again, thank you all sincerely for all that you do for us, not only to survive this lot but to demonstrate a genuine concern by prayer and support. I would I could tell you about the visits I made and the souls that were saved. God willing, one day, I will. We love and appreciate you all sincerely.

Because of Christ Jesus, Elwood and Doris Hurst