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Dear friends and faithful servants of God,

We pray that you are experiencing the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I realize we sent a letter out last month, but I am trying to get back on a schedule since I have missed it in the past months. I am claiming once again that the "hurrier I go, the behinder I get." If I did not know better, I would think the days have shrunk.

Our activity has been about the same, except a bit more intense. The Alzheimer's problem is gaining on us. Doris' rating with the hospice evaluation has moved from 7C to 7E. I was mistaken in our last letter that that was the final step. There is one more, which is the terminal one. There have been some incidents that seemed this was becoming a reality, but each time Doris comes through it. She had a mini-stroke recently. Other than a loss of words, she recovered quickly. She is now occasionally having a problem eating. On one occasion, she did not eat any food or drink any liquid for a whole day. Otherwise, she misses meals from time to time. I have been advised by the nurse that this behavior comes with Alzheimer's. She continues to lose weight.

As for her caretaker, I am still enjoying the good grace of God. At 87 years of age, I am really thankful that God has kept me going and even gave me relief from a bad knee. Thank you sincerely for your prayers and for your tolerance of our situation.

I am thankful for the blessing of the troublesome phone that allows me to communicate with the folks in the islands as well as the States. Recently, the island of Guam experienced an incident that we are well known for. There was a lot of damage to property. Of course, there was the inconvenience of no electricity and flooding. It takes a pretty stiff wind to roll a pickup truck over several times. I have not heard of any injuries or loss of life. These are a part of living on Guam and the islands.

It is a blessing to watch on Facebook the services at Majuro Baptist Church and see the many students in the school, which was started by a former missionary to Majuro. We are also able to communicate with some of the missionaries in other areas and countries. It is a blessing to know some other works and pray for them. It also is a blessing to hear of the Lord's work.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support for so many years, even in our limited involvement beyond here at 109 Mary Street. I long for the day that, if the Lord allows, I can return to the folks that are a part of this old heart.

God bless each of you and the work you are called to do.

Because of Christ,
Elwood and Doris Hurst