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Dear precious friends and co-laborers,

We first want to thank our Lord for the blessing of serving Him and for the dear friends who stand with us and hold up our hands. It seems for a long time now that our prayer letters are more of a medical report than a spiritual report. However, this particular medical report with its content IS our spiritual report. Half of our team is the subject, and our Lord has ordered her to be taken care of.

You all have made this possible in many ways-prayer and substance. Your support in both avenues makes this possible. It is a blessing to this old missionary to sense the support and help, and it is felt in our soul through the ministry of our Savior and the blessed Holy Spirit. It is an encouragement that cannot be described. We thank God for it.

The Alzheimer's pattern still mostly controls our activities and schedules. We thank God for the blessing to have those like you to stand by us with kind understanding. I am thankful that Doris still has enough understanding that she enjoys the time we have in the Word and the times we can make it to church. It is a tremendous blessing to see those smiles and enjoy the sweet fellowship by God's grace.

Doris is still slowly but surely sliding into the control of the Alzheimer's net. Her eating is more or less sporadic. She, at times, can fast for two days and then eat a few meals. Her weight is now at 90 pounds. She is sleeping more now. There are occasional times that she can go to bed at a normal time and wake up the next afternoon. When she is awake, she is able to sit in a wheelchair and enjoy some entertainment. Of course, she does not speak anymore. It gets interesting to determine what she wants to eat or do. She is totally immobile.

With all the handicaps, I still enjoy her fellowship and her sweet smile. It makes me so very thankful for the 65 years that God has blessed us with. On April 21, she will be 85 years of age.

Elwood is still blessed by the Lord to be able to be a caretaker for Doris. Since she is in hospice care, I have some help bathing five days a week. A nurse attends her for vitals twice a week. I am having some difficulty with my knees. I have just been blessed with the removal of fluid in one knee and cortisone in both knees. At present, I am without pain and very thankful to be so at almost 88 years old. GOD IS GOOD!

Again, thank you all so very much for your prayers and for standing with us through this journey. I still miss and dream of the islands and the people, and I get to be a testimony to the folks who tend to Doris.

Again, thank you for the blessing of serving with you. We do pray for you all and the works and churches.

Because of Christ,

*Elwood and Doris Hurst*