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Dear friends and co-laborers,

It is my prayer that you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings. I believe I am a little behind my usual schedule for this letter but with a real reason this time.

As you all know, we have been in control of a case of Alzheimer's for a long time. As you also know, this disease is a terminal one. It is sad to this old heart to report to you that Doris reached the end of her battle with that disease. She is now with her Savior and enjoying the full life with no disease and free to be the joyful little lady that she is and more.

On April 5, it was evident that Doris was about to leave us. I am so very thankful that all three of our children were here at home, and one of our granddaughters was also present. Thankfully, Glen has medical experience and was able to administer the usual medication. As it seemed that Doris' parting was near, we all gathered around her bed and prayed, cried, and loved on her. It was very sad to us, but I thank God that we were all ONE IN JESUS and know that one day we will rejoin in heaven with our Lord. Doris parted the old diseased body as she departed to see the blessed Lord that she loves.

I want to thank each of you for being so faithful in standing with us through this lengthy time of handicap. It was a very tiring time on the old caretaker, but a blessed time of standing with the one that has stood with me for 65 years and over much moving around for the time secular work and for over 40 years of travel as a missionary. Through the time of sickness, we drew even closer. Even when Doris could not make a sound, we communicated in a way that our hearts understood. I count it a blessing and honor to have the opportunity to care for Doris "until death." That in itself is an answer to prayer. My prayer all along has been to ask my Lord to let me care for her. God is GOOD! It is a sad time for our family in her absence, but we rejoice in the knowledge that she is with Jesus and no more disease. I thank God for faithful children who are faithful to Mom and old Dad. Maybe in heaven, she will resume her pet name, Mrs. Smiles.

WHAT NOW?

I have done much praying, even when caretaking for Doris, asking the Lord what He wants to do with this old 88-year-old missionary. It was not hard to read that I could maybe be a little help to the men in the works that the Lord built in Guam. I am willing to go and do whatever God wants. I have spoken to the pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, and he has approved of me helping him. He has a heavy load working and pastoring the church. I do not plan to plant another work but help the men and the works in any way possible.

In preparation for this journey, I have some medical work to do that I could not do while caring for Doris. At least one knee needs replacing, and my rotator cuff has been torn for a few years. It may not have to be dealt with since I am making out now. I will need to take care of the house and get things in order here.

I need to report to our supporting churches, which have stood faithfully with us for these years but which we have not been able to visit and report to. I will also need some deputizing for some additional support to cover the additional expenses.

Your prayers would be greatly appreciated that we do the Lord's will in the right way and the right time. I will be in touch with those who support us to offer to come and report to your church. Again, thank you for your faithful support.

There is much to get done to get to the work, but God is able and we trust Him all the way. I look forward to getting back to the work.

Because of Christ,

Elwood Hurst