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Dear precious praying friends,

It is the prayer of this old missionary that this letter finds you enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings.

It is my pleasure to be able to report to each of you that God's grace is sufficient to meet our needs, and to take us through the heavy trials of labor and life. I am confident that many of you have the same testimony.

God is an all-sufficient One that goes with us through the times of testing and trials. I can testify that He seems to move closer when the trials get harder. He never lessens His love or power when we seem to face a trial too hard to endure. His children can lean on Him and He is always sufficient. He also brings to our side the precious brothers and sisters who know Him too. Praise and glory belong to Him.

We are still adjusting to the missing person in this family. I am so thankful for faithful children and family that have stood faithfully together through this time of sorrow and change in our family. Concerning change, I am beginning to make the change in my activity and work from caretaker to missionary. It is my conviction that the Lord would be pleased for me to return to Guam and try to be a help to the missionaries already there. At my age of 88, it is a bit late to try to plant another work; but I can be a help in the works already there. I have already spoken to Brother King who is pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church and he agrees that I can be a help. There are other possibilities also. I look forward to seeing the folks again and getting back into the works.

Included in the preparation is reporting to those of you who have faithfully stood with us through the years of my serving as caretaker and not being able to be on the field nor on the road to report. Pastor, if you would like for me to come and report to your church, please let me know at the phone number above and we will be happy to do so. I would also appreciate your prayers as I seek to increase my support to be adequate for living and working in Guam—this will involve doing some deputation work. I would also appreciate your prayers as we make adjustments and preparation here at home and prearrangements in Guam. Please pray for the Lord to guide and direct in the decisions to be made. One such decision is for my knees as they require some serious attention—probably surgery. I was told that I needed this when I was attending to Doris, but I could not do that and tend to my wife. By His grace God kept me going till that responsibility was finished. God is so faithful and sufficient.

Some may question my decision in this matter, but it did not happen just now. Before Doris lost her speech ability, we talked about this. Though I am 88 years old, I still have life, speech, and some physical ability; and I want any and all that I have to count for my Savior. I believe that my experience and knowledge of some of the folks we know can be used for His glory.

Thank you again for all that you have done for us and for God's glory, and for your continual prayer for all of it. I love you all and pray daily for you all.

Because of Christ,
Elwood Hurst