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Luke 2:10 states that the birth of Jesus was not to be feared. It was "good tidings of great joy." That joy should be in our hearts as we celebrate the arrival of our Blessed Lord and Savior and the manifold blessings of today.

Dear Friends and co-laborers,

It is hard to realize that another year has almost passed. There have been some life-changing events that are heavy on this old heart. Of course, the one that weighs heavy on my heart is the passing of my co-laborer into her eternal home. After sixty-five years, that has had a major impact on my life. It leaves a large vacant place in my life, but it also is a relief that Doris no longer suffers. She is enjoying the blessed peace and presence of her Savior and some of our family. Of course, this releases me from the years of caretaking and confinement. It also brought on a huge vacancy in this old life, which I am adjusting to and trying to fill with more active missions. I talked with Doris before her passing and expressed my desire to return to the mission field. That is what I am striving toward at this time. It has moved slowly, but it seems so slow. Part of the slowing has been some health issues that I could not fix while being a caretaker. I had my right knee replaced and am still having some therapy on that knee. It is taking more time than I had anticipated. I have been trying to get to some of our churches to report and thank them for their patience and faithful support through the confinement. My heart is filled with gratitude for your faithful support and prayers.

It is my prayer that I can soon get things organized and head to Guam. I have been in communication with Brother King, and I look forward to lending a helping hand in the Lighthouse Church and in any other areas the Lord gives opportunity. It seems that it all takes more time than anticipated. I would appreciate your prayers that the business and the other responsibilities will not take too much time. My old age does not help.

I pray that God blesses you with a joyful time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and a time of worship and rejoicing that we have a Savior who loved us enough to come as a baby. He faced sinful man and died to pay our sin debt. We can rejoice that He is with us still and soon to be in person.

Thank you again for your patience, prayers, and support. We love and pray for you also.

Because of Christ,
Elwood Hurst