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Dear friends and co-laborers,

I pray that you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings and ready for the rapture of our Lord.

It seems unreal that I date this letter with 2025. We first started this way 47 years ago. It also seems unreal until I look back on the trail that our Lord led us nearly fifty years ago. God has surely been good to this old missionary.

One of the greatest blessings has been the opportunity to serve as a part of the precious churches that have stood with us through the fields and in the valley for these many years. We could never repay you for all the blessings you have provided us. Just a THANK YOU seems so small, but it comes from a grateful old heart and is the best I can do.

Most of all, I thank God for allowing us to take His message of salvation and love to many souls in those years. He has blessed us with the privilege of seeing some souls come to Him for salvation. He has provided the means of the grace and the material needs to see some islanders trust Him as their Savior and see some who went to work for Him. I look forward to the future day when I can see not only my dear wife again but also some dear friends, brothers, and sisters that we loved and labored together within the fields of our Lord.

At present time, I am in the slow process of visiting the supporting churches to mainly thank you for standing with us through not only the service but also through the years of being restrained by Doris' sickness. I realize that you deputized us to be on the mission field. I feel responsible and constrained to at least pay a visit to your churches in person to update you on the present plans and to express our thanks. I was delayed somewhat due to a knee replacement that needed to be done because of arthritis. I was not able to have it done while being a caretaker for Doris.

I have visited about half of our supporting churches and will continue as time and your permission will allow. I may also need to deputize a bit. I have talked with Pastor Kenny King, and he has kindly figured out a place for me to sleep. That will save some on the expenses. I have some additional support promised when I leave for the field.

God has been very kind to this old man. The body is old and has some challenges, but it still gets me around, and I can still tell folks about Jesus and how to be saved and serve Him. I long to see the folks of the island and try to help with the work there. At age 88, I don't plan to plant another work, but I hope to be a help in the ones that are there.

Please keep us in prayer that God will sustain a measure of health and strength so that I can be useful in His hands. Please pray also as we make decisions concerning our matters here in preparation for leaving for Guam. I hope to be on the way by the end of 2025 or sooner.

Again, thank you all for the faithful support and prayers that have sustained us for these many years. I love you all and pray that God will bless your labor for Him.

Because of Christ,

*Elwood Hurst*