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Dear friends and precious co-laborers,

I am writing this letter to thank you and give an update on the work of this old missionary. I am so very thankful for the honor and privilege of serving with the churches to reach the souls of the islands. I am a little later with this letter since I have been traveling to visit some of you. I am so thankful to have the blessing of visiting the folks that I have not seen in a long time.

I still have some of you to visit and report to, but the list is getting shorter. The fact that the list is short is not the reason to rejoice, but that we are reaching closer to our goal of departing for Guam. There is quite a bit of work to do around here, and many preparations to move to the home in Guam. I am thankful that we were promised the fare in travel and a place to sleep in Guam. I would greatly appreciate your prayers for me as I take care of business here in Greenville. Some of the issues include renting the house and storing our personal goods, such as furniture and items not used in Guam. Some items I will sell, and some I will just store.

My goal is still to leave for Guam by the end of 2025. Some have been keenly interested in when I am leaving. I don't take that as a sign that they don't like my company, but rather that they want me to be productive elsewhere. Some do not seem to understand that I am visiting my supporting churches. I appreciate that concern. I fully understand that concern. I want to be on the field also.

The only way I could have done what the Lord wanted me to do on the field was to be blessed with the support of the local churches, which provided the means to get to the field and do the work God called us to. We serve the Lord Jesus Christ, but we are responsible to the good churches that make it possible in the material and prayer matters.

In Acts 13, Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the church. They went to do the work, and in Acts 15, they returned to the church. I believe that is still the proper procedure. It is also a matter of our responsibility and gratitude in our day. I was hindered somewhat in time due to Doris' health condition. After Doris passed, I spent that time trying to report to the precious saints of God about what God has done in the islands. This has been a blessing to me to see the folks who have prayed and given, making it possible for this old missionary to go.

I have been blessed to report to most of our churches. I am still planning to see all, if possible. If God grants health and open doors, I plan to visit or at least contact every one of the churches. I still have a few, but I have been to most of the churches that support us.

Again, thank you all for your faithful friendship and support. I pray I can be used by God and be a blessing to you all.

Because of Christ,  
Elwood Hurst