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“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” - Ecclesiastes 12:13

My Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

The above verse is the conclusion and in the context of Solomon’s treatise (Ecclesiastes) on the emptiness of a man’s life who is trying to depend on everything but God to satisfy him. His famous words “‘Vanity of vanities,’ saith the Preacher, ‘vanity of vanities; all is vanity.’” remind us of how true it is that life without God is shallow, meaningless, empty, and hopeless. How sad it is that we continue to live in a day when man is trying everything, expecting that whatever he tries will bring him peace, happiness, and satisfaction. Having literally tried everything himself, Solomon sums up his empty quest by saying that it is all vanity. And so he comes to above conclusion. In this simple admonition, yea, commandment from the Almighty we find what really satisfies and what truly brings great peace to the heart. This verse has resonated with me for quite some time now, and I beg you to pray for us diligently. Pray that we will choose the fear of the Lord and be ever mindful to keep His commandments. Nothing will satisfy more and nothing will bring peace and satisfaction more than fearing God and obeying Him. Pray that we will do both. Thank God that through Jesus Christ our Savior, we can do this.

I want to begin by saying thank you for your prayers and for your support. We do not take either one for granted and experience daily the power of prayer from abroad. Thank you and know of a certainty that your prayers and support are not in vain. They continue to be a source of comfort and encouragement to both of us!

Well, we have been in Tinian for a month now, and God is richly blessing. I am so thankful for the time God has given me to study His Word and to prepare messages for Sunday and Wednesday services. Time has probably been our most difficult area of adjustment. I say this in jest, but we have nowhere to go and no way of getting there. And so we are finding that we have more time than we could have imagined. Pray that we use our time wisely, righteously,

and for the glory of God.

Church is going well. We have a very small congregation, but they are vibrant, hungry, and faithful! We have sure enjoyed ministering to them. There are two or three men who have been attending who are not saved. Pray for their salvation. Pray that the church would grow and that God would open doors for us to reach this island for Christ.

Adjusting to life on this small tropical island has been an adventure. Gasoline is \$6.95 a gallon, and a gallon of milk is just short of \$21.00 a gallon! (We do not buy this milk, but thought you would be interested.) We had forgotten how oppressive the heat can be, but we are thankful that during the rainy season in which we find ourselves, the rain does bring some relief. The missionaries that we are relieving (Roger and Elizabeth Workman) have graciously allowed us to use their home while they are gone, and what a beautiful home it is. We are having to get used to a warmer home, and there is no such thing as fall or winter, but it is amazing how God is helping us adjust! Things grow rather quickly here. We have “taken over” the Workman’s garden and have planted some new things. We have also been tasked to keep the lawn mowed, and what a large lawn it is. Marilee and I have enjoyed being outside together. It certainly has been good for us.



We do want each of you to know that our cell phones are NOT working! Our only number whereby you can reach us is 670-433-4990. It is a landline, and so we cannot receive texts. We can continue to be reached through email or Facebook Messenger. This is just a part of the adjustment process. We

thank those of you who have written to us, but we want everyone to know that sending a first class letter here is no different than sending it to another city. A simple first class regular postage stamp will do. And, yes, we would love to hear from you.

This has been more of a personal letter, and an attempt to help you pray more intelligently for us. If you have any questions concerning our ministry here, do not hesitate to ask. Again we would love to hear from you. God bless each of you, and again THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!!

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