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*“Finally, brethren,
pray for us, that the word
of the Lord may have free course,
and be glorified, even as it is with you:”
II Thessalonians 3:1*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

No better words can get across the desire of our heart than these words from II Thessalonians. Our desire is and continues to be that each of you would indeed pray for us. It is our desire to preach the Word, and to please the Lord. Our desire is to see the word of God go forth and be planted in fertile hearts. It is our desire to see souls saved by the preaching of that word. Pray for us, that all of this would come to pass, and may I say with a grateful heart how thankful we are for your prayers.

It hardly seems possible, but July has come and gone, and so have we. Our last day on Saipan was July 25, as our plane lifted off about 10:00 AM. We are so thankful for those who came to the airport to bid us farewell. It was sad but encouraging to say good-bye to the Furans and others to whom we ministered while there. We praise God for the time God gave us to help the Furans and to be a blessing to the brothers and sisters of Calvary Baptist Church. After a long thirty-three hours we landed in Raleigh, NC close to midnight on July 25. Because of time zone changes we are able to arrive home the same day we left.

July was a good month. Throughout the month we had a few visitors come and join us for our Sunday morning services. It is a blessing to see people at least interested enough to come. Pray that they will return and start coming regularly. Some of those need Christ as their Saviour. Indeed, pray that God's word will have free course.

Throughout the month, the folks from Calvary continued to shower us with love and appreciation. I am sure that they sensed that our time was coming to an end, and they just wanted us to know how much they loved us. We praise God for the gifts given to us and for the many times folks took us out to eat.

On July 13, the church put together an island picnic cookout at one of the beaches, and we had a wonderful day of fellowship. I even played volleyball for two and half hours - - something that I had not been able to do for years. Thank God for new knees.

I am thankful for the many opportunities given to me to preach the Word while in Saipan. I have said this before, but it is a joy to preach to those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness. People were faithful in their attendance and diligent in their attentiveness. While I tried to be an encouragement to them, they became a real encouragement to me. We were not ready to leave, and our departure was bittersweet, but we praise God for our time in Saipan. We thank Him for using us and allowing us to help during these months.

We arrived safely home and spent the final days of July unpacking and getting settled back in. We are adjusting to life back in the States and finding ourselves missing the mission field already. Pray for us in the final months of 2024. We have some meetings already scheduled as we continue to try to get our support up to 100%. At the present time we are at about 92%. Pray that God would open doors for us to get into new churches.

We will say more about this in our August letter, but we also ask you to make our next missions trip a real matter of prayer. The good Lord willing, we are planning on leaving the States on January 28, 2025, and once again heading for the mission field. God has opened the door for us to relieve missionary Roger Tooley and his wife, Tammy, in the country of England. During these final months of 2024, we will not only be on the road a lot, but we will also be making all the necessary plans for this time in England. We will be gone for six months.

I had the privilege of preaching in my home church on July 31. It was a joy to share our experience in Saipan, and to preach the Word. Thank you again for your prayers while we were in Saipan. Continue to pray for us that indeed the word of God would have free course. God bless each of you in the days ahead, and we pray the word of the Lord will indeed be glorified in you!!

Sincerely In Christ,
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