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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Warm greetings in the name of our Savior and Lord. We praise and thank God for using you as a channel of blessings in His work here and to my family as well. Thank you so much for your kindness to us.

We would like to apologize if our letter has taken a lot of time to be sent to you, getting old has taken a toll on us and our daughters are not always with us so we cannot seem to remember what had transpired the following months and we had to wait for them to be free to encode and send our letter to you. Kindly bear with us as we summarize what had happened here these past few months.

Last December 9th I turned 60, and all thanks and glory to our Almighty God. And it was a busy day yet a fulfilling one also, a birthday celebration was held within a short time as we are preparing for our Church Anniversary for the next day. Our Church Anniversary was not we expect it to be, there were no signs of heavy rain approaching but during the early hours of December 10th, the day of our Church Anniversary, as we were preparing we my niece had called, informing us the passing away of her mother, my younger sister. At that moment, we had mixed feelings, especially looking at my three nieces who were with us that time, a heavy heart we have had as we had to part from her but there's this sigh of relief as she no longer need to feel the pain her sickness had been giving her. We had to focus on our Church Anniversary despite what had happened, and we might not know how we had pushed through and finished the service, we knew that it was God who worked as He always did and we are ever so thankful to Him. As our Church Anniversary was finished, we had to go home in my birthplace on top of the mountains that is where my sister had passed away. And during the wake salvation was always preached by our friends who are Pastors, wakes here brings a lot of people together and it's a wonderful opportunity to preach God's Word. One thing that I was thankful for was that my sister had long received our Savior Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and so are all her family members.

Soon January came, as we celebrated another year we thanked God for His unending mercy and love towards us. During this month there were lots of invitation to preach God's word during wakes and other celebrations.

February was the month when Heartbeat Team came here and visited us, and we might not have had enough time to talk and bond due to us being not in good health we were so thankful that they were able to come and see us. They had also left us gift packs for the kids which they had loved so much. And we shared them also to the missions we were supporting. And we would like to thank you also who had made it possible for the kids here to have such gift is already a big thing for them.

As! March started, the heat index here in our place makes it possible to stay outside for so long and by the third week of April we had already reached a scorching temperature of 41 °C here in our place, some places here in the Philippines have reached 44-45 °C and news says it is expected to rise in the month of May. Due to this very hot climate, we had to adjust our services, instead of starting it at

8:30am, we have to start at 8:00am, we had jokingly announced if only some don't come from the mountains, then we will start at 5:00am so that at 9:00am we would be going home and come back at still 2:00pm for our Afternoon Service. It really is a big challenge and a test of faith, the wall fans couldn't seem to ease the hot temperature, and some had to use a paper fan to aid the wall fan. Our Wednesday Prayer Meeting is still at 4:00pm, but even though it's getting late in afternoon, it was still so hot. Even our Saturday visitation, we aim to go out on or before 8:00am as we are walking around and hopefully be home before the heat temperature is at its peak. Do help us pray brethren for a better weather here in the Philippines, although as of now, I can see that the brethren here is unshakable, our number is still high despite the heat and it's such a blessing to witness this. We were also planning to continues the parsonage so that when rainy season comes there will be no more leakages inside the rooms. So do help us pray brethren for our good health and faithfulness as well as our needs for our project.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support. Let us continue serving our God faithfully. God bless!

Your Prayer Partners, Pastor Pedrito P. Pulmano and Family