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Dear Prayer Partners

It has been some months since we last wrote, and it is important to us to bring you up to date so that you will know our needs and how you can best support us in your prayers.

In the future, we will still be in meetings in churches mainly in the mid-western states around Ohio, but do not plan to travel overseas anymore. The strain of the travel back and forth to the USA and around the parts of the Far East where we have ministered through these many years -- the Philippines, Singapore, Guam and Hong Kong -- has worn on us greatly and we especially felt this when we returned from Guam in April.

In fact, this time it led to some severe health problems the first two months after we arrived back in Dayton. At one point, I developed serious anemia and had to be hospitalized for several days with two blood transfusions. That condition has improved greatly, but Joyce and I both have felt the need for rest and refreshment as our summer has mostly been spent here in Dayton and we have limited our outside activities.

We dearly love the people in the seminaries and churches in the Far East where we have spent so much time, and from a human standpoint have been reluctant to give up reaching out to them with preaching, teaching, radio ministry and counseling. However, we feel that it is the clear leading of the Lord that we make the change now to a more settled ministry here in the USA, and we are joyfully following His will in this. We are thankful that we can continue in ministry for Him. We will be leaving today for a weekend of ministry in Algonac, Michigan and then will spend the next three weeks in the Buffalo, New York area ministering and fellowshiping at the First Baptist Church of Elm a before returning to Dayton. Our phone number in N.Y. will be: 716-652-7995.

We deeply appreciate how you have stood with us through these many years of our missionary service with your prayer, encouragement and frequent communications. Many of your churches have faithfully supported us financially as well, so that all of our needs have been met through the years. We know that, at this point in our lives, you will continue to stand with us as your missionaries.

In His grace & love,

Carson & Joyce