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*Testifying...
repentance toward God,
and faith toward our Lord
Jesus Christ.*

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Dear Friends,

Since we wrote last, we have had some exciting developments both in the family and the ministry.

The family news first... Our son Michael proposed to a lovely young lady named Elizabeth Chisgar and she accepted! Michael and Liz have set their wedding date for the 12th of September of this year. As you can imagine, both families are excited. Emi and I have had the pleasure of meeting Liz's family on several occasions, so we all knew this was coming and long ago gave our blessing. Nonetheless, it is all very exciting now that it is official. Emi and I just happened to call Michael minutes before Liz was going to arrive and he was going to present the ring to ask for her hand in marriage. Needless to say, Michael was more than a little nervous, so our conversation was very short so he could get back to preparations. Later, he told us the details about Japanese lanterns floating in the sky (lit by Liz's parents who were in on the surprise), a friend flown in to sing a special song for them during the dinner, a table for two in a verdant, outdoor setting, and a meal that would woo anyone. The bride and groom-to-be have asked me to conduct their wedding ceremony which is an honor I am looking forward to with much joy. So, Emi and I plan to be in the U.S for about two and half weeks in September. I wish it could be longer so we could visit some of our dear supporting churches and friends, but that will need to wait until our next furlough in 2017.

Now, some exciting ministry news... We are seeing great results of our 5th Anniversary Revival services. One of them is the strengthened faith and commitment of our core church members who are on fire for the Lord! Another is an increase in the number of visitors to our services. A third is that our youth members are more committed than ever. Finally, three new students have enrolled in the Bible College and another who visited last night wants to join as well. This semester I am teaching Doctrines II (Pneumatology, Anthropology, and Soteriology) and the Book of Romans. To the left, you can see five of our Bible College students with their guest lecturers (Evangelist Tom Furse and Dr. John Yingling) who were here for the Anniversary services. We now have ten in the college here and two more doing their classes long-distance from Guam. More on those two special overseas students coming soon!

As I close, I have two prayer requests...

First, my recovery from the chikungunya virus has been slow and I have been in considerable pain for four weeks now. Walking and standing are especially difficult. I have had to cancel one Bible College class and have missed a few classes in our Christian school that I was scheduled to teach, but I have been strong enough to preach each week and I thank God for that. Please pray for grace, patience, and recovery.

I have mentioned this second need in our November, December, and January prayer letters, so I know this may be getting old to some of you, but please bear with us and continue in prayer for the Lord to provide for a vehicle to replace our failing Toyota Camry. We are really feeling the costs to keep our car running and feeling the distraction from more important things in the ministry. Having no auto parts or auto repair shop on our island, we are beyond being "nickel and dimed to death" at this point. Giving for this need stopped altogether after a few initial offerings and giving in general has been sluggish lately so we are having a hard time adding to our savings to meet this need on our own. We are holding steady with about half of what we need to purchase a suitable replacement. Please pray in that other half with us.

Thank you all very much for your prayers and support.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Jim & Emi Civale

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