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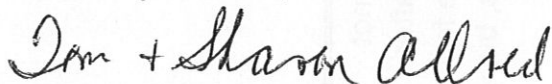
Dear Fellowlaborers:

Last prayer letter we mentioned three new families who are attending our church. Since we returned, two of these couples have joined our membership. We are thankful for this increased strength, but we ask that you pray for their strength and growth in the Lord while they are here. As with many, one couple came here from the States, and they are going to be here for years to come. We have heard this so many times, only to see them soon return to the States. Our work over these years has been to nurture them while they are here. Pray for us as we continue our work.

Well, what about the disasters. I have waited for some time to lapse since the great earthquake and tsunami in Japan before I wrote you. And now tornadoes are destroying and killing all over the States. We have heard of no damage to any of our supporting churches' property, or injury to the people. The closest strike was inflicted by a tornado in North Carolina. An area just two blocks from one of our supporting churches there received considerable damage.

Well, how did the tsunami in Japan affect us here in Saipan? Well, our island is surrounded and protected by a reef, so we do not usually get any damage here from far away earthquakes. We are put under warnings, and our Department of Public Safety did make everyone leave the low-lying areas along the ocean. Any wave here was minimal, and not nearly as large as those produced by a powerful typhoon. **BUT SAIPAN DID RECEIVE ECONOMIC DAMAGE.** (Some details are on the back of this letter.) The main base of our island economy is from tourists from Japan. Our depressed economy could not take much more; and then we were hit with yet another downturn in our economy. We almost immediately suffered at least a fifty percent decrease in our tourist income. I could write pages on how our own government and economy is suffering great disaster, but I will not. **PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT OUR FAILING ECONOMY.** In our hearts, we know that the people of eastern Japan are suffering more than we ever will, and so are those who have been destroyed or had loved ones killed by these vicious tornadoes.

Till the day of Christ,



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P. S. Gasoline is now \$4.75 a gallon here. It went up twice in the last seven days, ten cents each increase.

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