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Dear Friends:

**Mindanao Island has seen tremendous progress** in so many ways during the four decades we have lived here. One important aspect of development has been in the infrastructure. The improved roads and highways make it easier and safer to travel around the island. Without the greatly improved highway system, it would be difficult to continue working with the three churches we have started. But do not get too excited, driving is still an adventure! Please pray for our safety in traveling. Almost every trip we see accidents along the way.

It has been eleven months since we began **establishing this new church in Cagayan de Oro City**. That is more than a full-time job in itself. At the same time we continue to be involved in **the church in Molave, Zamboanga del Sur** and in **the church and Bible college in Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte**. It is a five-hour drive to Molave and another two hours beyond that to Dipolog City. We are making the drive **once or twice every month**, spending a few days each trip.

The last week of January we hosted an American missionary from Thailand. We coordinated **the world mission conferences in all three churches** so that the missionary could preach in all of the conferences. That week required even more travel than usual. We are thankful for the new pickup truck the Lord provided last year. The truck is now eleven months old and has over 20,000 kilometers on it.

We had an encouraging experience in the third week of February. I was reminded again that there is no way to predict what will happen in a person's life who repents and believes the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On Monday of that week, I went to a local business here in Cagayan de Oro City. The person I wanted to see was not there, but two of his employees were working in the office. I gave them each a Gospel Tract entitled, *"Makaadto Kaha Ako sa Langit?"* (I Wonder if I Will Be Able Go to Heaven). One of the ladies said, *"Mao gyud ang pangutana nako"* (That is precisely my question). That opened the door for me to witness to them. **Both of them prayed to receive the Lord** and thanked me repeatedly for explaining the Gospel to them. As I drove away, I wondered if they would be **fruit that would remain**.

Then the next day, Jeanne and I drove over two hours through the mountains and the fog to attend **a very special occasion**. I spoke at the seventieth birthday celebration of another lady I led to Christ in January of 1993, along with her husband. They had been attending our church for several weeks, but their lives and their relationship were really messed up. They continued coming to church after they got saved, and as the years passed, the Lord helped them put their lives in order. Now, thirty-two years later, her husband is with Lord and their children are all grown and living in different places.

Her children hosted a birthday celebration for her at the home of the oldest daughter in another city. There was a large group of family and friends gathered for the celebration. I spoke briefly about "the abundant life we have in Jesus Christ," and related the testimony of this lady. What a blessing to see what God has done in her life and in her family over the years. The youngest daughter and her husband are on deputation, going to Ethiopia. Another daughter is married to a pastor and they started a new church on another island a few years ago. The other two daughters, along with their families, are also faithful to the Lord where they live. **The blessing of fruit that remains**. May God keep you and bless you by His grace.

**Bruce, Jeanne, and Emily Rice**