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Greetings to all the Brethren,

How time flies! That it is four months since we left Guyana, and came to St. Martin, is difficult to comprehend.

We thank God upon every remembrance of you, when we recall the faithful prayers and other forms of support that has been an encouragement to us, for the twenty one years that we spent in Guyana as missionaries. While we can only express our sincere appreciation to you, the Lord will reward you for your participation in His work in Guyana.

Our prayer and hope is that you prosper, even as your soul prospers. We have both been in good health, other than the fact that I was not in the best of health for a while in April. I thank the Lord for bringing me to be back to good health. Our daughter Sharon and her husband Danny prepared a very comfortable apartment for us, it is attached to their home. The whole environment where we are located is very conducive to retirement. We could not wish for a more appropriate place. Everyone at the Good News Baptist Church has extended a really warm Christian welcome to us. We are settling down in our new circumstance, and adjusting to the things involved in retirement.

When we left Guyana on the 2nd of January, we anticipated that Bro. Salvador, who is a missionary from Mexico, and had been working with us for about three months, would take over the responsibility for the ministry at the De Willem church. However within a month of us leaving, a problem developed up between him and the people, because of his trying to do things, like it is done in Mexico, where the pastor is more or less a dictator. The church refused to agree to this, and asked him to leave the church. However, reports are that they have settled their differences, and agreed to make a fresh start. Please pray that the Lord will guide all who are involved in this transition period. The other two churches are also progressing well.

Before we left Guyana, we applied for residential status in St. Marten, and provided everything requested by the immigration department. The request was approved, and we were issued a landing permit for residence in St. Martin. However, when we arrived, and visited the immigration office, we were informed that subsequent to the issuing the permit to us, that they no longer approve of the company from whom we purchased our health insurance. We are in the process of settling this problem, but it not easy to get health insurance when you are 79 years old. Health care is very expensive here, especially when compared to Guyana, where it is readily available, and at a very reasonable cost. The major fall out is that we are unable to travel overseas until this matter is settled. Kindly keep this matter in your prayers, since we really want to visit our other children and grand-children, and to visit to Guyana, to visit the churches, and settle some personal matters.

When we recall that when we went to Guyana, we had little idea of where our financial support would Come from, or what exactly the Lord would have us to do there. That all of you supported in one form or the other, and especially you who have continued to so do so since we left Guyana: We express our sincere appreciation, and eternally gratitude. The Lord is not unfaithful to forget your labor of love and work of faith.

Sincerely

Elvin and Juanita.