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Hello from the Great White North!

When we woke this morning we were greeted with our first snowfall of the year.



(October 8th, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

Thank you to all of you who have been praying for us and our ministry, especially as we travel the highways. Since arriving the end of May we have driven 12,328 mi. (19,840 km) and flown 10,880 miles (17,520 km) by air.

During the summer months we traveled to Anderson Indiana for the North American Convention of the Church of God, to Alberta for the Western Canadian Campmeeting, to the State of Nebraska for their campmeeting, and back to Anderson for personnel meetings. During these times we were able to connect with old friends as well as making new ones. Even though our itineration had not officially started we were able to visit a couple of our Living Link churches along the way. We had a great visit with our two churches in Nebraska as well as one in Ohio.

During NAC our prayer for a replacement on Guam was answered. Jim and Dorothy Sharp, retired missionaries from Africa, responded to our need and agreed to an eight-month term helping our Guam churches. We are very thankful for the Sharps and their willingness to

minister in a new and different culture. They arrived on Guam on October 1st. Shortly before their arrival, a typhoon passed the island and went on to the Philippines.

With the Sharps deployment, we are able to stay in North America to complete our Home Assignment. We began by visiting our support churches on the West Coast. By starting in the West, we were able to take our daughter Kelty to Portland and help her settle into a new apartment at Warner Pacific College, and our son Jared to British Columbia to Trinity Western University. We are thankful that our schedule allowed us this experience with our children.

We will continue working our way East in Canada, and after Christmas transition to the States to begin visiting our support churches there. We will be returning to the islands in February with a work camp from Canada. Sixteen men and women have already purchased their tickets and \$10,000 has been raised to construct a 20' by 40' hollow block church and school building on the island of Yap. Please pray for an additional \$15,000 to complete the project. We plan to stay a couple of weeks on Guam after the camp and then return to the States to finish visiting our churches.

For a complete schedule and contact information as we travel, please visit our web site at www.bistritan.com.

We continue to covet your prayers for the many miles yet to travel, as well as the support needed to continue the ministry God has called us to. A very special thank you to many of you who have hosted us and provided meals and gifts along the way. We are blessed to be part of a loving and gracious church family.

Blessings... Gary & Gwen Bistritan