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Dear Friends,

You may have noticed the new look we have for our newsletter this month. We thought we would give you our update through some different eyes!

Hi! Sarah here. Hope you are having a good new year! We are. Hope you enjoy this prayer letter.



This is my house. Our neighborhood is called Santa Rosa. The village is Santa Rita. Can you see my dad's windmill on the roof?



We have a lot of friends in this neighborhood. Here are some of them. That day, we decided that we wanted to swim in a small blowup pool and then we got hungry. We started to eat soup and sandwiches.

I like Guam because it is hot in the day and I like that. And it is cooler at night. Someone wrote and asked me if we ate coconuts for breakfast. Joy and I eat a normal breakfast, but when we are out playing in the yard we have to watch out that coconuts don't fall on our heads! Our neighbors have coconut trees. We have papaya, guava, calamansi and mango trees and passion vines in our yard.

In school we have been studying about Betsy Ross lately. I like history, geography and reading best.

For fun, I like to decorate cakes like my Auntie Judy. When I visited her in May, I decorated a cookie. It was horrible! But now I am getting better and can't wait to help her decorate cookies and cakes at her shop. I also enjoy knitting. I never knew I would get into knitting, but it's kind of fun. I made bells, hackie sacks and will start making hot pads. Joy and I are starting a little quilt for our dolls.

I have been taking piano lessons. I hope to get better and play for church. It's fun to sing at church. On Christmas Eve Joy and I and our friends sang Christmas carols at church and did a worship dance to Silent Night.



Hi, Joy here. Guam is beautiful. This island is a great place to see sunsets if it's not too rainy or cloudy. They are lovely -- please come and visit us! I hardly ever wear shoes here because they make my feet hot.

And, Guess what?! I get to help my dad at the Trans World Radio station. When he is on night shifts I go to work with him and I help him with the transmitters sometimes. It is interesting there with all the big antennas and transmitters. I like to listen to the languages, especially Khmer because we went to Cambodia.

I like my pet fish -- I have seven of them. I enjoy feeding them too. They are a little work but not as much as a dog. In our neighborhood there are a lot of dogs and chickens. At night, there are geckos that come out of their hiding spots. If you go outside at night you might step on a toad. In the morning we look in shady spots for toads and sometimes we keep them for a day or two. A few times we went to the beach and we found little crabs and took them home.



On Christmas I liked going to our friends' house to eat and play games. At church on Christmas Eve, when we were singing I got to do a solo on my recorder. At home I learn the recorder. At church I take flute lessons from a friend.

We're having a good new year in 2009 and we are doing well in school. I like pretty much all of the subjects. My favorite is spelling; my next favorite is math. This school year I learned knitting and cake decorating and now I am trying crocheting. On Wednesdays, we have jump rope class. It is hard work but we get through it.

On Tuesdays we have a ministry called Kid's Klub. Some neighborhood friends come and listen to the Word of God. We have snacks, Bible teachings, crafts and treasure hunts. If it is close to someone's birthday we have special snacks.

Love,

Joy + Sarah

(for Dad and Mom, too!)



P.S. Happy Valentine's Day



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