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Dearly Beloved,

One of the fundamental rights any country guarantees its citizens is the right to live in safety. Most of us enjoy that right. Yet every now and then, some of us disappear, some turning out later in unmarked graves, others never to be seen and heard from again. Will that be the fate of James? I pray not!

We join the call to whoever is holding him and demand that, in God's name, let James go. No person, no interest can be served by his continuing disappearance except the interest of evil.

To Manong Arthur and Manang Jane and other members of the family of James and other families with disappeared loved ones we lift our hearts in prayer for you at this time of great distress and sorrow. We join you in seeking justice for your loved ones.

May the Lord embrace you with His love and give you peace even in the midst of events we do not fully understand.

Grace and peace!

In Christ,

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