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Dear Friends,

On October 28, I checked into the Greenville, SC, hospital for the operation on my vertebrae that I went to Manila two years ago to obtain but got delayed when they discovered I had cancer. The Lord has cleared that now and the local Oncologist cleared me to go ahead with the operation. I was in the hospital one day and the operation went very well. The relief from the pain has been slow, however. I was back to the surgeon this week for a final checkup and he said that my progress is normal for the condition I was in. The disk was herniated for three years and it will take time for things to normalize. He said that I should have no problem leaving the country to return to Pohnpei in January. We have now purchased our tickets and will fly out of Norfolk, VA, on January 14. We will have a meeting in supporting churches in Anaheim, CA, and Honolulu on the way.

We had the opportunity to speak to the ministerial class at Ambassador Bible College last week. It was a blessing to see such a good group of men preparing for the Lord's service. The biggest blessing was talking to a man who expressed interest in serving the Lord in radio on Pohnpei. We also met a lady who dedicated her life to serve the Lord in a service we held in her church nearly 20 years ago. She is now married and her husband was one of the ministerial students. She reports that she has never lost sight of her commitment.

We spoke in a service in the church we attend here in SC recently, and there were many students from Bob Jones University attending. During the invitation many indicated that the Lord had dealt with them during that service.

These next few weeks will be busy as we pack up and store our furniture again. We are also shipping items back to Pohnpei now, which we will need for ourselves and for the station during the next few years.

We trust you will have a wonderful Christmas with many spiritual blessings and that you will look forward to 2006 and serving the Lord.

In Christ,

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