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Dear Friends,

We returned to Pohnpei on March 26. I have come out of remission but only stage one and will not need treatment, and my back is much better. I'll still be getting physical therapy to hold back the pain I have been experiencing. I'll also be getting a blood test each month and sending to the oncologist in Manila for evaluation. Ruth Ann had a tumor removed that was cancerous and will need to return to Manila for radiation the end of April. Her uterus was removed but the surgeon thought the cancer was mostly contained and had not spread throughout her body. The orthopedic doctor wants to do a biopsy and also a procedure to help her compression fracture.

Our daughter Denise is planning on taking some time off from her school to be with Ruth Ann when she goes back. She can fly from the states to Manila for about the same price we pay to go from here. Since Denise can go, I will stay here and maintain the stations. We have a friend who has a condo which is really like a hotel room, and he will let them use it while they are there. We stayed there the last two weeks we were there. The surgeon said that she should not have any side effects and may even be able to do the radiation as an outpatient. Ruth Ann's e-mail in Manila will be pnidave@yahoo.com

The station was running well when we returned. The staff did a good job of keeping the programs going. I was able to keep up with my daily news program while in Manila by recording the press releases I received by email and by checking the internet for stories relating to our area. I then recorded and sent the file back by an email attachment which was then put in the computer for airing at the proper time.

The government radio station went off the air while we were gone, and they came to me requesting help in getting them back on the air. I have been able to get them back on with low power and had a good chance to witness to the station manager in the process. He is a preacher in his church but when I asked him what you would tell a person who only had two weeks to live, he could not give me a good answer so I gave him the plan of salvation. I try to maintain a good relationship with the government and they just gave our school a lease on the school land and we are trying to get more adjacent land for expansion. Our school has 300 students but we turn away students in K-4 and K-5 each year.

In Christ,

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