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Dear Friends,

We want to thank those of you who have been praying for Ruth Ann who is in the hospital in Manila. She arrived on April 29 and has had several tests. The one which we were most concerned about was a bone biopsy. There was concern that the cancerous tumor which was removed in March could have spread into her bones. The report has finally come back and it was negative. We were happy and relieved to get this report. Radiation treatment has now begun to kill any cancer cells that remain in her body. This could take another six weeks in the hospital. Our daughter, Denise, is with Ruth Ann in the hospital. Thankfully, summer vacation was due to start and her principal allowed her to leave early to be with her mother. While Ruth Ann is in the hospital her email address is pnidave@yahoo.com. Denise has a web page to update Ruth Ann's progress, www.caringbridge.org/visit/davidarthurs Please ignore the request for contributions from the caringbridge organization.

I am still here on Pohnpei running the station. Life is never dull. The National Congress started a new session Monday and the President gave his State of the Nation speech. I was able to broadcast the session live and uplink it by satellite to feed the government stations through the country. This gives me opportunity to promote our Baptist churches on the other islands. On Tuesday, I was back up to congress to observe the session and was recognized by the senate for my assistance to them. We probably have the largest audience of any station in the country now. We now have the largest outreach of any station in our state far exceeding the government station.

We keep hearing about people in the states complaining about the high cost of gasoline. We are currently paying \$5.38 a gallon for gasoline and \$5.70 for diesel. It now costs me over \$70.00 to fill my tank. Our electricity now cost 45 cents a kilowatt hour whereas some areas of the states still pay in the area of 11 cents. I just paid my electric bill of \$1,500. Even though our country is on the U.S. dollar, high prices have greatly affected us here. Since everything must be shipped in, the higher fuel prices have raised the price of everything. Please pray that we won't have to cut back on our radio station hours of operation due to lack of funds to pay the electric bill.

Prayer requests:

1. Ruth Ann as she receives radiation that she will have a minimum of side effects.
2. Our AM and FM stations as the gospel goes out 24 hours a day.
3. Our testimony as we work with the Congress in trying to help them.

In Christ,

Dave & Ruth Ann