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Dear Friends,

The Christmas holidays have now passed, and we are thankful for the opportunities we had to tell our islanders the true meaning of Christmas. During the month of December we had only Christmas music on our radio station between our programs which drew a larger audience. We pray that it was the means of turning some to our Savior. Thank you for your part in this through your financial and prayer support.

I developed pneumonia again in December. The doctor did not put me in the hospital this time but I was under home care. The pneumonia made me very tired most of the time but thankfully I didn't have any major equipment problems so was able to take care of the studio work. Unfortunately, my blood tests show that my immunity is still low and my lymphocytes still double what they should be. Thankfully this has not hindered my activities much and the doctor has only told me to be careful about getting around people and picking up germs.

Nahum O'Brien from our home church in Ohio arrived a couple of days ago to spend two months with us to help out with the work. He is catching on fast to the operation and should be a big help to us while he is here.

The alternative power system I had ordered has just arrived so for the next few weeks we will be installing the solar panels on the roof and the inverter and other equipment. We are anticipating that this will cut down on the cost of electricity by at least half. The cost of our electricity has been running three times the average cost in the U.S. and is still going up with the cost of crude oil. It has been as high as five times the cost in the U.S. and if it gets that high again we want to be more dependent on alternative energy.

I was in a store this week when a clerk came up and greeted me. Then she said that she had been to my Bible study that I hold here at the radio station and wanted to know if she could come back. She works nights half the time and had not returned after coming with her friend one time. She lives somewhere in the area but we had lost contact with her. I assured her that she was always welcome to come whenever she could.

Prayer Requests:

Health to do our work here in the coming months

Plans for furlough in November 2010 and meetings in supporting churches in 2011

Jack and Melinda Peeler as they prepare to come to Pohnpei in September to relieve us for furlough

Nahum O'Brien as he serves here from January to March 2010

In His service,

Dave & Ruth Ann