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Dear Friends,

I'm sorry it has been so long since our last letter. In January, I spent 11 days in the hospital with a week in ICU. I had pneumonia, low blood pressure, and dehydration. Then in February I was back in the hospital with a fever every evening that went up as high as 104 degrees. We then went back to Atlanta for more treatment at the cancer clinic. I am making progress with the leukemia, but have a problem keeping a normal hemoglobin. I was given three units of blood in Atlanta in March, and that helped, but I'm still weak.

I have been seeing a cornea specialist in an effort to get my eyesight back in my left eye. I was scheduled to have a cataract removed on March 30, but after I picked up a staph infection, my port had to be removed, and the surgery postponed due to having an open wound. Please pray that I will soon be able to have the surgery and hopefully get my sight back. After that operation I'll have another one in the other eye to remove a cataract.

The radio station on Pohnpei is still giving out the gospel 24 hours a day. The Peelers are dedicated to the task, and we are often in contact by email to work out problems that come up. Fortunately most of these problems have been with the computer, and I have been able to give adequate instructions for them to keep the operation going.

The recent tsunami that started in Japan and came across the Pacific did not affect Pohnpei or any of our missionaries in the Pacific. We are thankful for the way the Lord has protected us during times like this. We have many low lying areas that could be a disaster if it were to hit Pohnpei.

We will return to Atlanta for more cancer treatment next month after my two cataract surgeries.

We still hope to visit some of our supporting churches in the coming months, possibly in the summer, and will be contacting pastors as soon as we get clearance from my doctors.

Thank you for praying. We learn nearly every day of people praying, and we sincerely appreciate it. The Lord is in control!

In His Service,

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