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Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and we have much to be thankful for. My blood tests this week were the best I have had for several years. We spent the month of September at the cancer clinic in Atlanta, and I am now feeling better than I have for a long time. I am still not very strong and get weak in the afternoons but I am able to accomplish small tasks that do not take much energy. The best news is that the doctor says we can return to Pohnpei in January. We will have to get a blood test every week and send back and if things get out of range then we will have to return immediately. That means that we will have to see if we can find someone in the church who is good on computers to work at the station and trust the Lord to keep the transmitters running while we are gone. The AM transmitter that we purchased a few years ago has not given any trouble while we have been gone for which we are thankful. We thank all of you who have been praying for us and it is obvious that God still answers prayer.

We have not had any meetings while we have been in the states because I just have not felt strong enough to engage in a meeting, and I do not have a driver's license now. I lost vision in my left eye a month before we came back and the doctors have said there is no hope to restore my vision. We both had cataract surgery in July and August, and I have improved vision in my right eye, and Ruth Ann does in her left eye. Ruth Ann has to do all the driving, and it is very tiring for her. We hope to get around to visit all of our churches the next time we get a furlough.

We will go back to the cancer clinic on December 5 for two weeks. We should have a better idea of my condition at the end of these treatments. We are praying that I will continue to improve. Because of my enlarged spleen I am now getting radiation treatments here in Greenville. I am seeing several doctors, and they all suggested the radiation except for the specialist who gives it. He agreed when he realized that we would be leaving the country and going to a place where they do not have the means to administer radiation. I am also getting physical therapy to build up my strength. It has helped a little but I still have a long way to go. It seems that the radiation has weakened my body somewhat already.

Thank you very much for your faithfulness in your prayers, love and concern for me and for your cards, internet notes, and gifts. We sincerely appreciate all of them. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare to go back to Pohnpei. Our replacements, Jack and Melinda Peeler, will have faithfully served at the station for nearly 16 months by the time they leave January 25. We appreciate their good work!

In His Service,
Dave & Ruth Ann

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