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Dear Friends,

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As many of you already know on September 3, 2013, my husband and loving companion of 51 years went to heaven at the Pohnpei State Hospital. He had suffered pneumonia three times this year and also had shingles in July. As you can imagine this was a traumatic loss for me. We had served the Lord together for over 46 years.

We had Dave's funeral at Calvary Baptist Church on Pohnpei on September 5. Eight missionaries and pastors participated in the funeral, and we buried him on the radio station property. Our daughter Denise was able to arrive one hour before the funeral. The men of Calvary Baptist dug the grave and built a plywood casket.

Nathan Fry, who served on Pohnpei two short terms, came out soon after Dave's death and made it possible for me to come to the U.S. on October 4. While here I am handling business items but plan to return to Pohnpei on November 12. However, I developed low back pain and am now limited in what I can do and know that travel will be very difficult like this. Please pray for me about this. I plan to stay and work on Pohnpei for at least a year to help the Eiben's when they arrive next year.

On October 26 we had a beautiful Memorial service for Dave at Bethel Calvary Baptist Church here in Taylors, SC. Many missionaries and friends from World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions and Trans World Radio attended coming from Ohio, Georgia, Virginia, and South Carolina. Several of our friends and co-workers participated in messages, eulogy, and reading of special letters from Pastor Isamo Welles, Speaker of the FSM Congress and a resolution made by the FSM Congress acknowledging Dave's ministries on Pohnpei. We had a wonderful time of fellowship afterward provided by Bethel Calvary Baptist Church and were able to visit with many friends from our past.

I plan to stay and work on Pohnpei for at least a year. I want to be able to help train and be a help to Gabriel and Susan Eiben as they come to replace us. Please pray for the stations on Pohnpei, for support for the Eiben's and for me as I serve the Lord without Dave.

Sincerely in Christ,

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