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Dear Friends,

We returned to Pohnpei on January 24, 2006 and were met with nice warm windy weather. It was good to be home again. Our replacements, Nathan and Jinny McElheny and their teenage daughters, all worked in maintaining the station while we were gone, in addition to preaching and teaching on the island. We appreciated their work, but they left January 26 so we immediately jumped into the ministries.

One of the first items looked into was the lease for the radio station land that was still pending when I left. I had a tentative agreement with the land department to write a new lease at a nominal rent fee. The land board finally voted to allow this six months after we left but the land office did not follow through. Shortly before we returned our attorney asked about the progress of the new lease and found that it was approved but nothing had happened to write the lease or get it signed by the four positions necessary to make it legal. I made several inquires during my first month back and finally got a copy of the lease and made the rounds myself to get the signatures, including the governor's. On March 1, I had all the signatures and took the lease to the Land Court for registration to make it a legally binding contract. This has taken us 19 years to get a lease that was satisfactory to all parties. Many times this was a frustrating ordeal but in the end the Lord has prevailed and given us security for the next 25 years. We praise the Lord for seeing us through all of this and thank those of you who have prayed.

Another issue I was working on before we left for furlough was a better means to receive our news for the station. I was working with Voice of America through the U.S. Embassy in order to get a satellite dish to bring in the news instead of the short wave link we have been using. Short wave often has propagation problems, leaving us with no news at times. VOA has now supplied a 15 foot dish and I am in the process of installing it. This will involve a six foot square by 3.5 foot deep concrete foundation to support the dish. This is not your home entertainment system but a nice commercial installation! Please pray for us as we get this installed so we can improve our news and attract more listeners in order to give them the gospel.

We were happy to see the attendance holding up in our weekly Bible Study here at the station and that the attendance at our English service was even greater than when we left.

In His Service,

Dave & Ruth Ann