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Dear Friends,

The good news is that I am doing much better! I have been getting a blood test every week to send back to the cancer clinic that treated me in Atlanta. It has been staying within a narrow range very nearly the same as when I left. Since returning, I have been getting physical therapy for my herniated disk. My back pain has been improving, and I am feeling much stronger and able to take care of all my duties here at the station except climb the towers. We want to thank all of you who have been praying for us. It is obvious that God has answered your prayers, since my health has improved so drastically. At this point, we feel that we should be able to do a full term before returning to the States for a furlough.

I was asked to speak at a couples' retreat that one of our village churches was having. I spoke about "How to have a Biblical Happy Marriage." I spoke over an hour, and they all seemed very interested. They even took notes! The following week the pastor told me that several gave testimonies about how that lecture has helped them. I guess, after nearly 50 years of being happily married to the same, lovely, Christian lady, it does give me something to share.

Our 24/7 Gospel programs are being received around the island very favorably. I was in the President's office building the other day, and a couple of staff members commented that they listen to the programs. On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, I moderated a nationwide broadcast from the Congress Chamber for the President's State of the Nation speech. This gave me the opportunity to invite people to church in each of the four states, where we have affiliated Baptist churches.

I am teaching my Bible Study every Wednesday evening, and seeing spiritual growth. Since I teach in English, most of our group is Filipinos. We have seen some from the group go to a Bible school and into full-time Christian work.

Ruth Ann stays busy managing the programs on the station. She is the first one in the studio every morning by 6:00 a.m. The station basically runs with computer automation, but the news each hour must be put on manually. Also, the programs must be put in the computer manually, so that the right program comes out at the right time. Ruth Ann checks this first every morning. My most important job is to make sure that the equipment runs properly. I am in the process now of upgrading the computer system. I also plan to get a complete standby automation system in place, so we never lose air-time due to a glitch in the computer program.

We have been having many power outages, due to unreliable service from the utility company. We installed an alternative power system about three years ago, consisting of solar panels and a wind generator on an 80-foot tower. This enables us to stay on the air for up to eight hours during a power outage. This has given us an advantage over the government station that goes off the air when the power is off. We often have outages, but the station keeps on broadcasting without any interruption. We don't even know that the power is off!

In His Service,  
Dave & Ruth Ann