

HEATH PRAYER LETTER

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II Corinthians 4:16-18

V. 16 "----but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. V. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; V. 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Dear Praying Friends,

The above verses have become very meaningful to Norma and me over the last three months. Back in March, Norma began having weakness, shortness of breath, and numbness in the left arm. She had EKGs, Stress Test (which was not fully completed, due to exhaustion) and a CAT Scan. Because none of these showed a heart problem, they decided to check for Pulmonary problems. These test proved to be negative or within normal ranges. I kept pushing for an Angiogram and finally they agreed. They found one of Norma's arteries 90% blocked. Where the blockage was located, they could not use the balloon treatment, nor a Stent. If they had ONLY done this test first, back in March!!!!

The next day she was in surgery (Tues., May 13th). They did a new procedure called "The Minimum Invasive Heart Surgery". In this procedure they do not split the breastbone, nor stop the heart. However, Norma's surgery was more difficult and prolonged because of her receiving artery being so small. She is now recovering slowly, with most of her difficulty coming from the heart medications. There are so many of these medicines and the body has to adjust to these. If you are interested in this heart procedure, then go on the internet to: www.heartsurgery-hawaii.com. The surgeon, that did the procedure on Norma, is Dr. Jeffery D. Lee. He is the only surgeon in Hawaii that performs this particular surgery.

ATTENTION: If Norma continues to heal and is strong enough to make the trip, we will leave for the mainland on June 25th. We will be contacting our Churches and setting up meetings to report on our work for the last 3 years. You may CONTACT US through the home office: Tele. (704) 730-1440. They will know how to get in touch with us.

PLEASE PRAY:

1. Norma's speedy recovery.
2. Safety as we travel home.
3. Our dear Micronesian folk as they continue on for the Lord. We are merging my people into the main Church family. They hear English well and love Pastor Surface.
4. For Lighthouse Baptist Church in Guam and their need for building funds.

Yours in His Service,

Dalton & Norma Heath