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Dear Friends,

The Lord continues to bless the outreach of our station and open new doors. The U.S. Ambassador recently held a reception for the new President, V.P. and senators of the FSM. We were invited to attend and after we arrived I was asked to pray before we ate. After the speeches I prayed for our new leadership and the food. Later in the evening I was surprised that at least two men came up and thanked me for the prayer. It is my observation that in the past when functions are held some liberal preacher will read a flattery speech he has written as a prayer and most of these people have never heard a real Christian pray from his heart.

The new Congress speaker came up to me and asked if I would come up and give some training to his public information people so they would put out more meaningful Press Releases. I feel that this will be a good opportunity for us to promote the cause of Christ. I think it is also a good indication that we are recognized as a quality station which should bring honor to our Lord.

A few days before Memorial Day I got a call from the U.S. Ambassador asking me if I would speak at the service since I was a veteran. When we went to the service held at the embassy residence lawn it looked like all the high ranking dignitaries were arriving in their limousines. I noticed the Communist China Ambassador along with the Japanese who would be Shinto. I wanted to honor the Lord in what I said but realized that these were nearly all unsaved and from religions that did not recognize our God. I paid respects to our deceased service people then said that while many have lost their lives in the military that I found mine when I accepted Jesus as my Savior aboard an aircraft carrier while in the Navy. I went on to tell about the small chapel we had aboard our ship. I just pray that this might open the door to witness to some of these people later. I was surprised at how many people came up to me after the service to express their appreciation for what I had said.

On August 3, our missionary friend in the next state sent over a Filipino young man who had been accepted at a Bible Institute on Guam and asked if I would take care of him while he got his student visa to enter the U.S. When we went to get the visa we found that as a result of immigration changes since the bombing of the trade center that the U.S. were much more strict because many of the hijackers were in the states on a student visa. The young man is still with us waiting for all the paper work to be approved. We have now encountered an additional problem with the local immigration because after he quit his job he was supposed to leave the country. Please pray with us that this visa will be granted by the U.S. before the FSM makes him leave this country.

In His Service,

Dave & Ruth Ann