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Dear Friends,

We had an interesting experience the other day. Someone came to see me in the afternoon and had children in the car that had just been picked up after school. The children stayed in the car when the parent came inside the station to see me. After a while the kids came in and the parents said are the programs over. Then it was explained to me that the kids always listen to our children's programs on the station after school each day and they didn't want to come inside because they might miss part of the program. The parent says that they sing with the kids on the program and ask why it can't continue on longer. It is always encouraging to know that people out there are listening.

A local man was talking to me about our station the other day and telling me how much the older people are listening because they want to hear the news of the war. We put news on every hour and follow with a gospel program. I'm also not afraid to report the local news regardless of who is involved. Today there was a resolution filled with corruption passed in Congress that I reported but the government station manager said he would have to get the governor's approval before he used it. The news has been censored here for many years. People want to know the truth and we tell them on the local level and on the spiritual level, and it seems to be attracting an audience.

At Easter I put a cross up on our tower and have it on each evening. The cross has been getting attention. I hear that the fishermen can see it from ten miles away. They are using it to direct their way back to shore. We know "the way of the cross leads home." This is having the effect that we were hoping for, that people will see it and think of Christ and also know that it is part of the Baptist ministry.

We are now on our way back to St. Luke's hospital in Manila for what we hope will be a final checkup to determine that I am in remission of the leukemia. This will involve a bone marrow test. The chemo has gone well but not without a few little hitches. I developed phlebitis two times from the needle and had to delay my final round of chemo one week because my blood platelets were too low. I am feeling better than I have for at least a year. I am now feeling stronger and am able to get more accomplished.

We want to thank all who prayed for me during this time of sickness. God has answered our prayers and I feel confident that the bone marrow test will prove that I am in remission. I still have a little pain in my back but do not plan to have the herniated disk operation at this time.

Ruth Ann is working hard to finalize all of her grades before we leave. It seems to have been a long year but one that has been profitable in teaching young people how to live for the Lord along with the academics.

We thank you for all of your prayers and support at this time. God has been good and we are looking forward to our return and continuation of the radio ministry here.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Dave and Ruth Ann Arthurs*