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Dear Friends,

The Lord has answered our prayer for a replacement so we can get back to the States. We should be able to leave by November. Our first stop will be to get a bone marrow test to see if I am in remission and the next stop will be for treatment with a cancer specialist in Texas. Even if I am in remission it is recommended that I get his treatment to improve my immune system as a precaution to stay in remission. I have just received my fifth of six applications of the new cancer drug Rituxan without any noticeable side-effects. I finished all the chemo treatments I am allowed to get last month. I am feeling well except for getting tired easily.

Please contact us right away if you have a missions conference scheduled and want us to speak in it or if you have a certain date you want us with you in 2005. We will work our schedule around these dates.

We have been encouraged by the response we have been getting recently from our listeners. We were in a restaurant last week when the waitress commented that her husband really likes to listen to our Bible Stories. She was referring to the children's story time each afternoon. Due to the overwhelming response we get from this one hour of programming we have added another 15 minute program.

This week the senator who represents our district asked our National Pastor if he could have a copy of his radio message from last Sunday. Today a man called and asked for the address of one of our preachers so he could write to him.

This week our National government hosted the 24 member Asian Pacific Parliamentarians Union conference in our congress chambers. I was asked to assist in getting a sound system set up for this occasion and then to do a nationwide broadcast by satellite. I moderated the event and put it out on our station and the telephone company picked up our signal and streamed it on the internet so anyone can pick it up but specifically the government stations in the other states. This gives me an opportunity to promote our Baptist churches throughout the nation.

Our Christian School is now open and Ruth Ann is teaching two classes of English until another teacher arrives next week.

Our English service has been using some donated hymnals for several years, but they are really in bad shape now. If anyone is replacing your hymn books and would like to donate them to our congregation, we would appreciate it very much. Contact us and we will tell you how to mail them.

In Christ,

Dave & Ruth Ann