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Dear Friends,

On February 19th we came to Manila for medical care. My blood count had gotten out of range and our local doctor felt I should see the Oncologist who treated me when I was diagnosed with leukemia. I've also been getting physical therapy for my back and my doctor wanted me to get an MRI to determine the cause of pain.

Ruth Ann sustained a compression fracture in December and our local doctor suggested an MRI to determine the cause and to get help for other health problems.

It was discovered that I had come out of remission but am in stage one, which will not require treatment at this time, but the Oncologist wants a blood test every month to watch if it gets into stage two which will require treatment. I am also getting physical therapy for my back and after two weeks am getting relief.

Ruth Ann was discovered to have an endometrial tumor, which the doctor said was the size of a three-month pregnancy. The surgeon did a complete hysterectomy and the pathology revealed the cancer was totally contained within the uterus. However, he wants to administer radiation after six weeks of healing so we will be returning to Pohnpei soon and Ruth Ann will return to St. Luke's in early May for treatment. For the fracture she was given a back brace to wear to prevent further damage to the vertebrae.

We are thankful for two couples in our church that are watching the station while we are gone. I am still doing my local newscast from here by receiving press releases and scanning the internet for news of local interest. I record the news in mp3 format and send it back each day as an attachment to email. People on the island probably don't even know I'm away.

I have been able to visit other people from Pohnpei who are patients and pray with them. One man who has given one of our village churches much difficulty was very receptive when I visited, and after only a few minutes in his room today, he asked me to pray for him. He has stage IV cancer.

Please pray for our medical problems and treatment.

Pray also for the radio station on Pohnpei that the Lord will continue to use and bless the broadcasts and keep it running well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dave & Ruth Ann