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Dear Friends,

We are thankful for the opportunity that the Lord has afforded us to serve Him here on the island of Pohnpei for over 21 years now. We never expected to be here this long, but can now see the Lord's will in this. Now that our equipment is running so well, I am able to devote more time to the programming and have realized that one thing that draws an audience more than I ever expected is local news. I put on a newscast every weekday and this has attracted many listeners. This goes on right after the international news, but between the two we have a one minute message and after the news we have a five or 15 minute gospel program.

One day recently, the Lt. Governor called me and said that we have now become the number one station on the island, surpassing their government station in outreach. They are even discussing getting out of the radio business. One of the state senators told me that their station puts on little local news and when they do it is a week old so people mostly listen to our stations – AM & FM.

I sit in on all the sessions of the National Congress when they are in session and report on this every day. I have been commended during Congress sessions on the reporting so we know that we have a wide audience, especially among the government leadership. When we first started the station we had great difficulty getting into major events to report and now they call me to make sure I will be there. I had an opportunity to give a witness to one of the senators during this past session. I am trying to get the government-owned telephone company to put our station on the internet so we can make the special programs available for our affiliate stations in the other states. This would greatly increase their audience.

I continue to hold a Bible study here at the radio station each week and preach in the English service at our church. Ruth Ann teaches a Ladies' Sunday School class and also teaches one class in our Christian School. This gives more opportunities to share the gospel here on this island.

We ask for your continued prayers that our message will be effective in reaching people for the Lord and also pray that the Lord will keep our equipment running well. We are relieved that the price of fuel has come down. Our power has dropped to 34 cents a kwh and our gasoline is now down to \$3.90 a gallon. Even though this is still high, it is a big relief from what it was.

Please pray for permanent missionary replacements for our ministry here. We need some people with technical and computer experience.

In Christ,

Dave & Ruth Ann