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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for your prayers on our behalf. I went to the doctor today for my monthly blood test and even though some of my counts remain high, at least they are stable and not getting any worse. I did have a cold earlier this month as it seems with my low immunity I catch things easily.

I now have my alternative power system installed and working well. I have 3,000 watts of solar energy and a 2,000-watt wind generator mounted on an 80 foot tower. This is saving us in the area of \$200 a month on our power bill at the present rates. As rates get higher with increases in the price of crude oil, the savings will be even greater.

Another area of improvement is in our international news. The Voice of America gave me a satellite dish and receiver a few years ago, but I could not get it working. The U.S. Embassy sent me a specialist to check out the problem, and he found a design flaw and was able to correct it. We now air VOA news with the same clarity as if the announcer were sitting in our studio. Previously we had to use short wave radio and at times propagation was not always good, and the news had static. We use the news to help gather an audience, then follow it with a Gospel program.

After nearly five years we plan to take a furlough at the end of this year. If any of you are having a missions conference next year that you would like for us to attend, please contact us so we can start making our schedule. We want to visit all of our churches while we are in the states this time and make our home base in South Carolina with our daughter. Due to my health, we plan to visit our southern churches during winter months and go to the north when the weather is warm.

We are thankful for the reception we are getting from our radio programs. Our national pastor tells me that hardly a day goes by that someone does not contact him about what they have heard on the station either by phone or on the street. I continue preaching in our English service and holding a Bible study on Wednesday evenings.

In Christ,

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