

The Bailey Family

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Dear Faithful Prayer Partners,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, emails, phone calls and visits.

As most of you probably know by now, I had to make an emergency trip back to the United States for medical treatment.

I will refrain from sharing all the details, but I was in pretty bad shape in the days leading up to our flight home. We landed on June 4th, and I was taken directly to the hospital and remained there until June 13th. I spent all but two days in ICU under the excellent care of the staff at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. Thank the Lord, I am getting stronger by the day.

I will have several tests run over the next couple of weeks to determine where I am physically. In the past when I have had serious medical issues, I bounced back very quickly. This time, that is not the case. I find sitting inside on these beautiful summer days absolutely troublesome, but I am very weak and unable to do anything just yet.

I really hope to know where I am medically within the next month, and I ask for your continued prayers. I will write each of my supporting churches and let you know if the doctors give me the clearance to continue or not. I will be honest with you. If I am advised not to continue, I will give my supporters a 30-day notice and ask you to use the support you have been sending us wherever you believe it best pleases the Lord.

My daughter, Tami, has communicated for me during this time and helped me in so many ways. Family means so much, especially during times like these.

As for the work at Tafunsak Baptist Church on Kosrae, FM, we had just begun to adjust to the culture, the people, and the church. We absolutely loved it. Bro. Daniel Fetter and his family are doing a wonderful work there.

Since Daniel has just started reporting to his supporting churches here at home, he cannot immediately return to the field. The Lord sent Missionary Gabe Eiben over from Pohnpei to take our place temporarily. Gabe stepped in and went far beyond the call of duty. He helped us pack, clean the house and get ready for travel. He was outstanding with the church - they loved him from the start. No one could have matched his labor of love and willingness to sacrifice his time and travel. Pohnpei is only a couple of hours from Kosrae by air, and I believe the Lord will provide the airfare to make this work for him until the Fetter family is able to return.

Obviously, all these things came upon us very unexpectedly. It is an illustration of what our missionaries face in a third world country.

Again, Patty and I would like to thank you for your prayers and encouragement during this difficult transition. I should know within the next 30 days what the doctors recommend, and I will communicate with you at that time. We dearly love you - may God richly bless you!

With the Love of Christ,

Jim and Patty Bailey

