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Dear Friends, Supporters and Prayer Partners,

As promised last month, I wanted to send an update on my health condition and our plans for the future.

Most of you know that we had to come home from Kosrae, FM to get medical help and seek wisdom for the days ahead. Since our return to Virginia, I have been under my doctor's care and constantly having tests run and evaluations in order to know how best to serve our Lord.

When we departed for Micronesia, we fully expected to be gone for two years to serve both in Kosrae and Pohnpei. Due to my emergency health conditions, we had no choice but to return and get help.

Unfortunately, my Primary Care Physician has advised me not to travel anywhere that does not have good medical facilities. This, of course, eliminates most third world countries. The doctor also advised me not to be away from my medical team here for more than six months at a time.

I have now recovered from pneumonia and strep, and they ruled out TB and shingles. I still have AFIB and congestive heart failure, which was only exacerbated by the pneumonia. During the time of my treatment, I lost more than 30 lbs. and am still very weak and unable to do much in the way of physical labor. (being 73 doesn't help, either!) I'm learning that recovery from pneumonia is slow, and it will be months before I am able to travel very far, preach, or do much of anything else.

Therefore, I am reporting to the eight faithful churches, and one individual, who helped fulfill this ministry with monthly financial support. If you dear supporters will help us through this month (August), I request that you put any further missions support intended for us into another active mission of your choice. I feel, at this time, I will not be physically able to continue traveling and ministering as we have for the past three and a half years.

Many friends and ministries, in addition to our supporting churches, have also helped us with travel and special gifts that enabled us to minister in Guam, New Zealand, South Korea, Canada, and Micronesia. Thank you so much for your help! God has blessed your ministry investments. These journeys and ministries have blessed and moved our hearts immeasurably. We treasure the wonderful people that we have served alongside in these churches. Your prayers and gifts have been, and continue to be greatly appreciated.

I am still convinced that retired pastors like me have much to offer in the area of missions around the world and service here at home in the local church. We are able to use the many years of experience and the gifts God has so graciously given us. I encourage those of you who have good health and a desire to go to consider filling in for missionaries that need to come home on furlough. The Lord will greatly bless your efforts.

Here at home, there are many pastors who need to be away for ministry related reasons, or for a much needed vacation, and need someone to fill in for them. This is something I believe God is calling me to do in this season, and I will gladly do so as He leads. Again, Patty and I want to say THANK YOU so much for your prayer and financial support for the past three and half years. God Bless you, we love you, and would deeply appreciate your continued prayers for my recovery.

In His Easy Yoke,
Jim & Patty Bailey

