September-October

Dear Friends,

Greetings from St. Luke Hospital in the Philippines. I was referred from Pohnpei on September 22, 2025 with my son in law. The doctor found by ultrasound that I have prostate cancer upon arriving. They put me through many tests, including CT scan and MRI. After one week, they said that they needed to do a Biopsy. A few days later they gave me 3 options. Two of the options involve radiation and follow-ups after discharge. The third option is removal of the prostate gland and no follow-up. The two previous options did not involve removal so I opted for the removal without radiation treatment.

I am now out of the hospital staying at a place called Bethany Homes to wait for my surgery, scheduled for November 6. My son-in-law has taken great care of me, especially shopping for grocery and other household needs. We are already into the 4th week of October and have been here for a month.

Please pray for my upcoming surgery and for my 3 lay preachers, Gordon Lebehn, Dexson Ehmes, and Walker Joel (who is my younger brother), and Missionary Gabe Eiben who are taking care of the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church on Pohnpei.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for me at this time.

Your Servant in Christ

William Joel