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Dear Co-Laborer's in Christ,

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James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

We hope that this letter finds everyone doing well.

We wanted to give you an update on how things were going with our medical situation. Upon arriving in Hawaii, we went to see a Cardiologist who after doing a thorough exam and looking over my report from Pohnpei determined it would be in our best interest to fly onto the Mainland to have further medical evaluation done in Virginia.

We arrived in Virginia on May 5th. We went to University of Va. Medical Center on May 7th and were told we needed an extensive Cardiac Workup. We decided after much prayer to have this done at Lynchburg General Hospital, at the Stroobun Cardiac Center, which is ranked in the top 10 Cardiac centers in the US. I was admitted to the hospital on May 11th and was hospitalized for 5 days. In that 5 days they did numerous blood tests, and Cardiac tests, including a Catheterization, Echocardiogram, Internal Echocardiogram, and many EKG's. The doctors have determined that there are no blocked arteries, which we are Praising the Lord for, but that I am in Congestive Heart Failure, the reason for this still is not 100% clear, but the doctors believe it is from some sort of infection that I suffered from on Pohnpei. Because the doctors gave me 9 days of IV antibiotics on Pohnpei it may never be determined what kind of infection it was.

It was also determined that I have High Blood Pressure which going undiagnosed on Pohnpei could also have contributed to the Congestive Heart Failure. I am now on 4 different types of Heart and Blood Pressure medicines to see if this will keep my heart in a regular rhythm and my blood pressure under control. The doctors are watching the heart very closely to see if it will come back down in size on its own. I go back to the doctor on May 28 for a check up and we will go from there as to what our next step will be.

We wanted to say Thank you so very very much for all the calls, prayers, cards and words of encouragement during this time. We couldn't have gotten through this without the faithful prayers and support of all our dear friends, supporting churches and loved ones. Many of you have inquired as to any needs we might have at this time; we do have some we would like to share.

Patty's parents allowed us to use their credit card to purchase tickets home, which amounted to \$4,500, but we will need to pay this back. To date we have had \$2,300 come in toward this need. When the time comes we will also need return tickets to Pohnpei. Anyone that would feel led to help with this would be greatly appreciated.

We expect the medical bills to be high, but at this time I do not have a total. I do belong to a program called Christian Care Medishare. It has a \$900 deductible which I have to pay and after that they will pay 80% on most procedures. Anyone that would feel led of the Lord to help with that would be greatly appreciated also.

If you would like to contact us you can reach us at 434-385-4032. You may send all correspondence to:

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Our church secretary, Rose, will see we get it.

Again we thank you so much for everything.

Serving Christ in Micronesia,
Bro. George