

# THE MILGRIMS

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

**Psalm 75:1 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.**

This letter is an update on Patty's physical condition and what has transpired since our last prayer letter. After arriving in Guam we were able to meet with the Cardiologist, but what we did not know was that he too was very limited in the type of testing he could perform. The Cardiologist determined that Patty would need to be seen by a specialist that deals in the electrical function of the heart. After much prayer, I contacted my Cardiologist in Lynchburg, Virginia and asked if he would be willing to see Patty. After his acknowledgement to see Patty we flew back to Pohnpei and made plans to bring Patty to Virginia.

We arrived in Lynchburg on July 7<sup>th</sup> and Patty was scheduled to see the Cardiologist on July 8<sup>th</sup>. After initial testing they had her wear a Holter Monitor for the weekend to record the function of the heart. During that weekend Patty was very weak and did not feel well. After returning the monitor on Monday they decided to hospitalize Patty based on her symptoms. After a Cardiac CT scan and other testing it was determined that Patty had what is called "Sick Sinus Syndrome" which sounds like something to do with the nose, but it has to do with a malfunction of the electrical function of the natural pacemaker in the heart. After making the diagnosis it was determined that the best treatment for Patty's symptoms would be to put in a Dual Chamber Pacemaker. The surgery took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Cardiologist said everything went well without any complications. As soon as they brought her back to the room her heart rate was functioning in the normal range of 75 and I could already tell the difference in how she felt. We Praise the Lord that He has given wisdom to doctors and for the advancement in technology that has allowed this improvement in her life. She was discharged from the hospital on the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> and is now going through the recovery process. She will go back in 7 to 10 days to have the staples removed and to have the pacemaker checked. She is not allowed to lift anything more than 10lbs or to lift her left arm above her shoulder for 6 weeks. Patty has a follow-up appointment with the Cardiologist on August 4<sup>th</sup>. At this time we should be able to better assess Patty's recovery time. The normal recovery time after having a pacemaker installed is 4 months. This period of time allows them to monitor the pacemaker and make any adjustments that may be needed. The Cardiologist said Patty could return to Pohnpei and that they will try to shorten the 4 month time period if they can, due to our ministry. He also said that Patty will need to have the pacemaker checked once a year by a Cardiologist. I told him that the main concern was to have everything set and adjusted for Patty before we return, due to the fact that there is no medical care on Pohnpei for a pacemaker. The Cardiologist said they gave her the "Cadillac" of pacemakers with all the "bells and whistles" and even a 10 to 12 year battery life. I guess you could say that we are now owners of a new Cadillac. We do ask that you continue to pray for Patty and her recovery process as well as the ministry on Pohnpei during our absence.

We wanted to thank all those who have given financially toward Patty's medical bills and for your endless prayers.

Your Servants to Micronesia

*George, Patty + Priscilla*  
George, Patty and Priscilla Grace