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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

Isaiah 42:12 Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:

This letter is an update on Patty's physical condition and what has transpired since our last prayer letter. Patty had her first follow-up visit with the Cardiologist on August 25th. During this visit they activated a feature on the bottom chamber of the pacemaker to help with some dizzy spells that Patty had experienced since the surgery. This feature is supposed to keep her from fainting by increasing the heart rate if it drops too low. Her second follow-up visit with the Cardiologist was on September 9th to check the results of the new feature that they had activated. It seems that activating this new feature has helped with the dizzy spells that she was experiencing.

We have discussed with the team of Cardiologist concerning the timing for taking Patty back to Pohnpei. Their recommendation is for Patty to wait for 6 months from the time of her surgery before returning to Pohnpei. They said their recommendation was based on the following information:

- 1) Once a Pacemaker is installed it must be monitored via a device through a home phone every three months. This technology can't be used internationally, which means Patty will not be able to monitor her pacemaker on a regular basis. However, the doctors do feel that since Patty is not Pacemaker dependent, which means her heart won't stop if the device malfunctions, she can go back to Pohnpei and be monitored with a regular EKG by her family doctor. If she were to experience any symptoms then of course we would fly her home immediately.
- 2) There is no Cardiologist on Pohnpei to offer any care for the pacemaker only our family practitioner.
- 3) It would take about 4 to 5 days to fly off island and take Patty to where she could receive medical care for her pacemaker.

The Cardiologist said that if Patty has no further symptoms or complications during this time period, then they will give us the go ahead to return to the field. Patty will have to have her device checked every six months to a year with a Cardiologist.

Patty's next appointment with the Cardiologist is November 15th. Because she has been doing so well since her last appointment we are going to ask the Cardiologist if she can leave early to go back to Pohnpei. Even though our hearts are with the people and ministry on Pohnpei we do not want to rush things and leave too early.

Thank You so much for all that you have done for our family and the ministry on Pohnpei. Your faithful prayers and sacrificial giving means more than you will ever know.

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