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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

We Praise the Lord for the progress that Patty has made since having the serious infection in her neck!! We truly believe in prayer and know that it was God's answer to so many faithful prayers of His children that brought Patty through this crisis in her life!! She did have two follow-up visits at UVA in February. One was for a CAT Scan to make sure that everything was clearing up as it should, and the second was with her Rheumatologist to determine some course of treatment for her Rheumatoid Arthritis. During this appointment, they did additional blood work to see what treatment would work best for her. We are currently waiting to hear from these results. We have received the cost of Patty's medical care while at UVA and I will share that below under prayer requests. Patty was cleared at her February appointment to start traveling, so as we finish up our medical furlough we will be available for meetings through May if you would like for us to come and give an update on the ministry. Due to our daughter, Priscilla, being in school, we would like to limit our meetings to Friday, Saturday, and Sundays if possible. This will keep her from getting behind in her subjects, especially math. You can contact me by email at gamilgrim@yahoo.com or by phone at 434-509-8783.

Due to Patty's health, she is unable to live on Pohnpei or Guam due to the extreme climate and the contagious elements of the environment. We have been praying about what God would have us to do since our ministry for the last 13 years has been in the Pacific Islands ministering to Pacific Islanders. We praise the Lord that He has answered this prayer!! We just returned from a 7 day survey trip to the island of Kauai. After surveying the island's towns and villages for 7 days, it is evident that there is a GREAT SPIRITUAL NEED on this island. Every town we surveyed had a Mormon, Catholic and Jehovah Witness church with an occasional Buddhist Temple, but NO Baptist Church. Out of a population of 70,000 people, there is only one Independent Fundamental Baptist Church on Kauai. We trust that you would agree that this is an island that is ripe for the harvest!!! While visiting we made several promising contacts and saw several possibilities for future church plants. At this time we are praying about working on the North shore where there is a large Micronesian community or pioneering a church on the West side of the island where there is no Baptist work. Our location will be changing, but our ministry will remain the same in reaching Pacific Islanders and Micronesians with the Gospel. The climate and environment on Kauai will be more suitable to Patty's health and the medical care is very good. We praise the Lord for this open door that He has set before us, along with the approval of our sending by Pastor JD Surbaugh and our Mission Agency, World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. Our daughter, Priscilla, will finish 9th grade in May and our plans are to return to the field in June.

Concerning the ministry on Pohnpei, I'm in weekly contact with Salomon David the young man that I have been working with and training to be the Pastor of Good New Baptist Church. We praise the Lord for those that are being saved and the new visitors that have been attending. Just this week Salomon informed me that our thatch church building is in rough shape due to the extreme weather on Pohnpei. I have discussed this with him and we have determined that a new building is needed. We would like to increase the size of the current building and use permanent concrete columns instead of the wood poles that deteriorate over time. We would also like to

use galvanized tin on the roof for a more permanent structure instead of the thatch which constantly has to be patched due to the rain, wind and sun. We currently have a dirt floor in our church and would like to pour a cement floor (this would keep the small pigs from coming in and rooting around in the dirt during the preaching and would eliminate the temptation for the small children to sit and play in the dirt during the service). Salomon met with a builder who is a good friend of mine, and he told us the material we would need and what the cost would be. I will share that below under prayer requests. This is an exciting time for Good News and I rejoice that the Lord has allowed me to have a part in organizing and pastoring Good News Baptist Church over these past years. It's with great joy that this summer I will be setting up the Ordination service for Salomon David so he can officially become the National Pastor of Good News Baptist Church. Going forward we will continue to be involved with this work. This will include continuing to pay rent for the land and gas for the bus ministry due to the low income of the people. I will also be helping to coordinate and fund the building project. We are excited to see this work continuing on for the Lord.

Patty's medical bill from UVA was over \$130,000, but we praise the Lord that because of a financial program at the hospital they reduced that amount to \$8,500. Anyone that would feel led to help toward this need can send the love gift to the Mission Office and specify that it is for Patty's medical care.

Materials for building project: 10 bags cement for columns \$90.50, 15 Pcs rebar \$141.59, 24 Pcs 12ft 26 gage roofing \$629.75, 24 Pcs 8ft 26 gage roofing \$503.75, one panel box \$39.99, sand \$35 and I do not currently have a price for the gravel. The total cost would be \$1440.58 which does not include the cost of the gravel. The cost for pouring the floor of the church will be determined once the other work is completed. Anyone that would feel led to give toward this cost can send it to the Mission Office and specify Good News building fund.

Please be in prayer as we begin to pack and ship containers over to Kauai and take care of things here in the States. Our needs include; expenses involved in moving our things across the ocean, the cost of housing, airfare and finding a car or truck for transportation. Also, that pray we will have wisdom in ministering in this new area.

We want to thank each of you in advance who will pray for and give toward the needs above. We also want to thank our faithful supporters for all your prayers and sacrificial giving toward our family and the ministry on Pohnpei. We look forward to partnering with you in this exciting new ministry the Lord has led us to.

Serving Christ in the Pacific, Bro. George, Patty and Priscilla