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ASSISTING WITH CHURCH PLANTING, FURLOUGH RELIEF AND MAINTENANCE



Dear Praying Friends,

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Thank you all for your prayers and support. Your care is so evident to us. God continues to use you to help us here on Nukuoro. We appreciate your cards and letters. These are always an encouragement to receive, and we love to hear news from home.

The Bible studies are continuing to grow people spiritually, but Satan fights us and has drawn some away. Please pray for one lady in Melinda's Bible study who had fallen into sin but has recently returned. Another woman who had questions about baptism has still not given herself completely to the Lord. We are praying she will yield to the Spirit of God soon. The traditions here are very strong, and it is hard for the people to break away from them even when they know it is wrong. We are still seeing around 15 children attend Kids' Club regularly, and some of them have professed Christ as Savior. The Wednesday Bible study is still the best attended. We usually have between 25 and 30. We think this is a good number since the population has dwindled down to under 200. Pastor Ray has been teaching this in Nukuoroan. Even though the people speak English well, they still like to hear teaching in their language. So, when Pastor Ray is doing the teaching, it is in Nukuoroan.

The emergency surgery that I had last March has finally completely healed, and I have not had any pain for the last several months. I am very grateful for this. I have been able to work more and see some projects completed. We still have to rebuild our laundry house, but the American toilet house is on hold for now. There is no concrete anywhere in the FSM. We were able to finish the local outhouse. It is built out over the water and has a bridge to it. No septic tanks are allowed on Nukuoro so that the well water will not be contaminated. We have also finished a local shower house to use when we have visitors. Sometimes people who walk over for Bible studies or services stay overnight if the tide is too high or the weather gets bad. We have a local na'hs (pavilion) for them to use for sleeping. They just lie down on the plywood and sleep. The local shower house provides a good place for them to wash and change into dry clothes.

We have been given permission by Pastor Ray's family to use a small piece of property on the main island. We plan to build a na'hs on it and use it for our Kids' Club, Bible studies, and Sunday services. We will then be able to hold everything in one location. We think this will increase our attendance. Pray that we will be able to gather the local poles and coconut leaves to make it. The land will also need to be cleared. This will take several weeks to do. We would like to have this finished before summer, but with the other building that we still need to do on the compound, it could take a little longer. We also need to build a sea wall to protect our land. This will be done with local labor, but we will need to purchase concrete when it is available again.

Please pray for us to have strength and health. Also continue to pray for Gideon, Harson, Yona, and Christopher to be saved. Pray that the Bible studies will grow in numbers and faithfulness. Many times we see about the same number, but not always the same people attending. Also, pray that God will send us a younger couple or family to help in the ministry here.

In His Service,
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