

JACK & MELINDA



PEELER

ASSISTING WITH CHURCH PLANTING, FURLOUGH RELIEF AND MAINTENANCE



Dear Praying Friends,

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Thank you all once again for your prayers and support. We appreciate you and continue to pray for you all. We know that God will meet your needs as He does ours.

Mercyda had gone to Pohnpei on the last ship, so we were delighted to see her when she arrived back home. Ray was especially happy. Our time together was short though because we had to leave and come up to Pohnpei ourselves. I injured my right knee back in December. For several weeks, it was very painful and swollen. Then, it seemed to get some better but never completely well. I was able to work some and still completed the kitchen extension and the laundry house. However, the doctor on Nukuoro felt that I should have it looked at on Pohnpei. He said that the pain and swelling were still indicating another problem. I have been to the hospital on Pohnpei, and they agree with Dr. Yona. They want to refer me to the Philippines for surgery.

Melinda's mother has recently moved back to our home in SC. She is now 85. Some repairs and renovations need to be done there. Finally, Melinda has been having some trouble with what we think is Carpel Tunnel in her right wrist. With all these things coming together at the same time, we thought we should take our furlough a little early. We have talked with our pastor, and we plan to return to the States at the beginning of September. I will need to have some recovery time after my surgery in PI. Any churches that would like to have us in for an update can contact me by email. We will not have phone service until we get into the US. The email address is jack@thepeelers.org.

Pastor Ray will begin work on the property on the main island soon. We are all excited to see this work begin because it will be a big help in reaching the people. It will be much easier for them to attend the Bible studies. Our plan is to build a large naahs. Pastor Ray will hire some of the local men to gather materials and do the work. The land will need to be cleared before the naahs can be built. Some of the people who attend the Bible studies have offered to help with this. We are excited that they are beginning to want to serve the Lord in this way. It is a good sign of growth.

Mercyda will be teaching the ladies Bible Study while we are away, and she asks that you pray for her to have wisdom on what she should teach.

Praise the Lord our boat motor was repaired, and it is running very well. Pastor Ray's nephew is going to take care of the boat. The motor is too big for Pastor Ray to start because of his crippled arm. Mideon will do a fine job of caring for the boat. Pray that he will get saved. He is a good, reliable man, but he needs Christ.

Prayer Requests: Our health needs, Strength for Pastor Ray and Mercyda, A family to help us.

In His Service,
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