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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from sunny and warm Pohnpei! We finally arrived after a rather eventful flight on Sunday, February 10th. The delay was in Majuro. That is the first stop on the island hop flight we were on. The co-pilot's seat broke, and they had to get a part and repair it. It took so long to do that the time the pilot and crew could be on duty timed out, so there was no one to man the plane for the rest of the flight. We were told the crew had to have at least 8 hours off before they could resume. We ended up staying overnight in Majuro. However, there was a hitch. There were not enough hotel rooms for everyone. We ended up having to share a room with two other passengers. Interesting situation. We got along OK though. These folks were both Christians, so we had a good time of fellowship. Once the plane left the next morning, we were once again delayed at the second stop of Kosrae. The manifest was not correct, so the crew had to see everyone's boarding pass and confirm who was actually on the plane. Not all the passengers had been able to continue because one of the stops had to be deleted from the flight. Many problems occurred, but we are finally here.

We are getting things set up to live on Pohnpei until the ship goes down to Nukuoro. We are still waiting for our cargo to arrive. There is much to do and a great many expenses. Thanks to all of you who have given to meet these needs. We are still in need of funds for building a retaining wall on Nukuoro. The ocean is taking our land away at one point, and this is becoming urgent. We did not know the rate of erosion until we arrived on Pohnpei and began to talk with folks who had been there recently. It will cost several thousand dollars to do this. We have some funds that we have saved for it, but the need is greater than what we have.

My health is holding, and I am able to do the work needed as long as I pace myself and hire younger men for the heavier work. I guess age comes to all of us sooner or later. We know that God has called us to do this and that He will give us the strength to accomplish the task. Please continue to pray for us.

We have heard from Ray that the people are continuing to grow spiritually. Pray for more to respond to the gospel message and for those that have been saved to remain faithful.

Thank you for praying for the people of Nukuoro and for us as we minister to them both on Pohnpei and Nukuoro.

In His Service,

Jack & Melinda