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Dear Friends,

We are glad to have a chance to send this prayer letter out. The ship arrived on Friday, January 3rd. This is the ship that was supposed to come in November of 2019. It was delayed several times for various reasons. Our food supply was gone by mid-December, but the Lord provided food in other unusual ways. The Marshall Islands sent a ship in December with canned goods, rice, and oil for everyone on Nukuoro. We added this to the local food and had enough to eat each day. Then the sailing vessel came. This vessel is a very small sailboat, but it brought about 30 pounds of supplies from our friends on Pohnpei. Finally, the plane came from Guam for the annual Christmas drop. We were able to receive a few canned goods and rice. God knew exactly what we needed and supplied it right on time. By the time the cargo ship arrived on Nukuoro, we were completely out of everything except rice. God is never late.

We have been so encouraged by the spiritual growth we have seen in one of our men. His name is Jarson. He and his wife are faithful attendees of all our Bible study groups and Sunday services. They are hard workers and want to do God's will for their lives. He has also been meeting with me for a private Bible Study each week. Jarson headed up the work on our sea wall. We completed the first phase in November, and we are now raising funds to build the second phase. Because our property is on the corner of the island, we must build a wall on the channel side and the lagoon side and bring the two sides together. The local people really know how to make sea walls that last. By adding concrete to our wall, it will be solid. The work is very labor-intensive, and we will need to hire more men for this second phase. Please pray with us about this need.

In October, I was able to lead one of our Kid's Club boys to Christ. His name is Richardson, and he is in eighth grade. He clearly understood the gospel and prayed to ask Christ to save him. He is the younger brother of Jarson. Richardson's family attends our Sunday services. His mother also attends our Bible Study for ladies. Please pray for the other family members to be saved.

Now that we are back on Pohnpei, we will be buying additional supplies to take back with us when the ship returns. We aren't sure when this will be because both the Voyager and the Navigator are going to Japan for maintenance and repairs, which means that none of the outer islands will be getting any supplies for a while.

Pray that we will be able to find a suitable place for our shortwave radio here on Pohnpei. We have not been able to install it because the site we had initially intended to put it is under some construction. This has been disappointing to us as we really needed it. Fortunately, the public school on Nukuoro has a radio, and because the principal attends our Bible studies, he made it available for our use at selected times. This has not always been convenient, but we have been able to contact Pohnpei.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are praying for you all.

In Christ, Jack & Melinda

Prayer Requests:

- The salvation of more Nukuoroans
- Spiritual growth in those that have accepted Christ
- Another missionary to help here
- Funds for the Sea Wall
- Health and Strength for us