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Dear Friends,

First, we would like to praise the Lord for His care since returning to Pohnpei. Last October, I lost a filling in an upper tooth. It was not giving me any pain, so I didn't think too much of it. When we arrived on Pohnpei in January, I saw a dentist. He examined me and did an X-ray. He told me that the tooth was fractured and would need to have a root canal and crown. There is no dental lab on Pohnpei that can do that type of work. I would need to go to Guam or the Philippines for this to be done. After praying about it and getting some counsel, we decided that going to Guam was the route to take. We made an appointment with the dental clinic there and arranged our flight. When the dentist on Guam looked at me and took more X-rays, he said I had another tooth with the same problem. He advised removing the remaining seven teeth I had on top and making a full denture. This was a surprise to us but not to the Lord.

We had no idea how long we would have to be there, and the usual place we stay on Guam was not available because the church was holding their missions conference. They had no room. Another missionary on Guam was able to locate a small, furnished house, and this was made available to us at NO CHARGE. Praise the Lord! The Lord also sent another pastor our way. This church provided us with their church van. We are so grateful to Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Rita. We could only stay in the first place for about three weeks. Friends were able to locate another house only a short distance from Lighthouse Baptist for the remaining time, again at NO CHARGE. God has been so good to us. We met new friends, and the dental work was completed without incident. The dentist released me on March 9, 2020. When we began hearing things about the Coronavirus, we were concerned that we would be stranded on Guam, but we were not. We flew back to Pohnpei on the last flight before the quarantine started in the FSM. Praise the Lord once again!

There was one hiccup in our Guam trip. I got food poisoning the Tuesday before we left. I was very sick and ended up in the Guam Regional Medical Center ER. They were able to stabilize me so I could make the flight. I saw the doctor on Pohnpei once I arrived and am now almost back to normal. Please pray for my continued recovery.

We are anxious to begin the work of buying supplies for Nukuoro. There is still no word on when the ships will be repaired and return to Pohnpei. I'm sure that the virus is affecting time schedules. Please pray that this will not become a factor in our return to Nukuoro. We know that God is in control, and we are trusting Him. In the meantime, we will be helping with a ministry to the Nukuoroan community located in Sokeh's here on Pohnpei.

In Christ,
Jack & Melinda

Prayer Requests:

- The salvation of more Nukuoroans
- Spiritual growth in those who have been saved
- Another missionary to help here
- Funds for the sea wall
- Health and strength for us