## **JACK & MELINDA**





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Dear Ministry Partners,

We would like to ask you to uphold us in prayer. Just as we were arriving in Washington to help with the ministry here, we learned that Melinda's mother has stage 4 lung cancer. We made arrangements with Melinda's brother in Arkansas, and she flew home to be with her mother. I remained here in Washington to continue working with the Micronesian people. We have seen some good progress here, and I have been able to preach and teach on several occasions. Please pray for these folks to learn and grow in the Lord.

We have now reached a stage where I must leave here and go to be with my wife as she cares for her mother. Melinda will fly back to Washington on April 5th to help me drive the 3500-mile trip back to South Carolina. While she is with me, her brother and sister-in-law will be helping her Mom. Her Mom is in good spirits and knows the Lord as her Savior. She has elected not to seek any treatment because she is 90 years old. The doctor has given her less than six months to live. Because of these new developments, we have canceled our trip to Wyoming for the immediate time. The pastor in Wyoming is completely on board with this decision and has been supportive. As things progress, we will be able to make more plans for our ministry this year, but we do feel that God would have us meet the needs of Melinda's mother right now. We do plan to stay busy with two local ministries here at home.

The work in Nukuoro is going well, and we have heard good things from the church in Pohnpei that helps to get supplies to Pastor Ray. We are still in need of some funding to send gasoline to Pastor Ray. The price of fuel has soared in Pohnpei. It generally is about \$3.00 per gallon higher than here in the States. Then there is the cost of drums and shipping to get it to Nukuoro. A barrel of 53 gallons of fuel is around \$400.00 now. This is only enough for 4-5 weeks. It isn't possible, at this time, to send enough fuel for the entire time between ships, so they often do not have fuel for transporting people or fishing. We are seeking to help with this need.

Please keep these prayer requests before the Lord. 1) safety as we travel, 2) Melinda's mother, 3) an unspoken request for our extended family, 4) souls to be strengthened and saved in Micronesia, and 5) opportunities to help in ministries and churches.

We are so grateful to all of you for your prayers on our behalf. We know that God is able to do exceeding and abundantly above anything we can ask or think.

In His Service, Jack & Melinda