JACK & MELINDA





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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Thank you for your many prayers for us during these last few weeks. It has been a difficult time for our family. As we mentioned in our April letter, Melinda's mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. Melinda had flown home from Washington to help with her care. After a month at home, she flew back to Washington on April 5th to help me get home with our camper. Her mom was doing well, so we thought this would be the right time for Melinda to travel. The Lord was so good to send a rain storm that was to move into the area on April 6th. We decided to go ahead and get the camper on the truck and leave that evening so we could get ahead of the rain. It was a difficult decision because Melinda was already very tired from the flight into Washington, but by doing this, we were able to arrive home on April 12th - only two days before Melinda's mother went to be with her Lord. If God had not sent the rain, we would not have left until Friday morning, the 7th, and would not have been with her mother when she died. We are so grateful for how the Lord cared for us and for her mother. She was not in pain and went very peacefully with both her children by her side.

We have spent the last six weeks taking care of her mother's business affairs and just taking some time to grieve the loss. With summer approaching, we are now ready to get back to ministry. We will take our camper to Wyoming to work at the same church we worked at last summer. This will be a bathroom expansion project. We will assist another missionary and direct a team coming in from another church, which should take 6 to 8 weeks. Once this project is completed, we will travel to another church to help with some smaller renovations.

The church we were helping in Washington is seeing much growth among the Micronesian people. We have been able to put them together with a Micronesian man we knew at Calvary Baptist Church on Pohnpei. This man is moving his family to Washington to help in this ministry. We are so grateful for how the Lord has put this together in His timing.

Pastor Ray took the ship up to Pohnpei a couple of months ago and is updating the churches there about the ministry in Nukuoro. He is seeing growth in the Nukuoroan people and is beginning to reach others on the island. Pastor Ray will be taking the ship back to Nukuoro when it goes at the end of June. Many thanks to those of you who have given so we could purchase some additional supplies for this ministry. Please continue to pray for spiritual growth in those that have been saved and that more would accept Christ.

Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to serve the Lord wherever He leads.

In His Service, Jack & Melinda