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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Family,

After so long a time my e-mail is back in service, and I am much in hopes of hearing from you.

Today my wife was re-evaluated and was found to be making good progress and so they will make some changes in her therapy. She feels rather bad about not being able to do more to help with the housework. That is a good sign of progress.

I graduated from the heart exercise program at the local university hospital. I am rated very good condition for a 73 year old male. Keep in mind that in Japan people often continue working into their 90's and even above 100. I will have to take good care of myself to be in that group. On October I go back to the hospital where the doctor inserted a stint in my heart to have it checked. They will go in with a catheter, but I don't know if they will go in from the thigh or from the arm this time. Anyhow I will be in the hospital for 2 or 3 days. Nathan will stay the night here and go back home next morning. Dot is doing so much better, I am sure she will do fine.

I am writing introduction cards with a scripture verse on it (John 14:6) to give out in the area. I am not allowed to do evangelism as such, but one on one, I can. Pray that God will lead us to people who can be honest with God, who will listen to the Word. Afterwards I will need two or three days to be recovered from the intrusion.

Lat year, while I was still living in Owada, and not knowing that we would have to move, I developed two studies to introduce people to Bible and Christianity. No one was interested. One man told me he liked me as a friend, but was not interested in my religion. This is very disappointing. Well, I am praying for better response here. I talked with one lady who told me about a TV program showing Jesus on the cross. She wanted to know if He had done something terrible. I told her, No, just the opposite. It was very wonderful. Could I explain it to her? No, she was not interested in that at all. "We are all "O Tera" (Buddhist). Pray that someone else will be interested. Maybe she will be interested later. My preparation of those Bible studies was not in vain.

Thank you for your prayers and support in every way. Please keep us in your prayers. May God spread His wings of love and grace above you and fill your heart and life with all good things.

Carlton & Dorothy

James 5:16, b, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

I cannot boast that my prayers are sufficiently effective or fervent, though I sincerely desire it to be so. I submit a poem that I wrote recently. I hope it will be a blessing to you. And do remember always to pray for us in our every need. I pray God's most wonderful and gracious blessings upon you.

In Jesus Name,
Amen

MY PRAYERS

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