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Loving brothers and sisters and friends,

I thank each of you for your prayers, for your kind and loving words, for your encouragement, and for many special offerings. God has been listening. He does care, you know. Although my symptoms were not the ordinary "I'm dying" pains in the chest, the doctor who looked at me when I went in "for a check-up," said, "You just made it." Nurses looking at the X-rays and reports shook their heads and said, "giri-giri" (just barely). I was thankful to be on my side of just barely. I did get maximum care and the best of treatment. I have a new stint, in tandem with the old stint. They have assure me there will be no need to do this again. That is what the doctor said last year with the previous stint. I trusted the Lord then, and I trust the Lord now. That I can do with absolute confidence, and I do.

A number of you sent information dealing with some of the problems relating to heart trouble. I thank you for the information and for your taking the time to send it. This incident was quite different to the previous one I did a year ago. Thank you, every one.

I came home two days ago, and am still a bit tired and weary from the ordeal, especially the 12 hours of lying absolutely still, face up, first, waiting 3 hours for the blood to congeal enough to take the catheter out. Then waiting another 8 1/2 hrs before I was allowed to be in a sitting position. A nurse came in and said matter-of-factly, "You can sit up now." I was so wrung out that I could not move. She said again, "You can sit up." I said, "No, I may sit up, but I can't." She had to crank up the bed and pull me up. I am still tired, but very thankful to be home and able to go about my work. I plan to preach tomorrow morning.

I was able to give out a number of Bibles and Bible post cards on which I had written in Japanese a simple explanation of how to be saved. How much good will be done, God only knows. I pray it will be some. Much. Being able to share God's Word and God's salvation with people takes the drudgery out and leaves a blessing. For that part, I do not at all mind being in the hospital. And I meet many people with far great problems than my own. I am thankful for God's grace upon me, and I pray for His grace upon them.

Please continue to pray for us. And pray for the outreach of His Word.

In His everlasting love and grace,

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