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**Our dear friends and fellow-workers in the kingdom.** Recently, I have shared with you the wonderful things that God is doing in the South Pacific, particularly the new partnership of Sunset and Macquarie. But this time, while I would love to report nothing but positive developments, I have to share some personal concerns we are dealing with.

**Brenda's Health.** I have resisted writing about this because Brenda is a very private person who hates to have attention drawn to her. But, it is time to let you in on what is happening with her and to seek your prayers for her healing.

Many old friends may recall that back in 1983, as a result of a synthetic hormone shot given in an attempt to treat her twice-monthly migraines (most bad enough to require a trip to the emergency room) she began having daily, 24 hour migraines! We traveled to Boston, Los Angeles, Victoria, Texas, Fort Worth and Dallas seeking a cure. There were hospitalizations and trips to clinics such as Scott and White in Temple, Texas. Good diagnoses evaded us and, even though the headaches subsided in the mid 90's, the overall consequence was a decline in general health.

It seems that her immune system was the major casualty. Her recent blood work shows very low IgG (immunoglobulin) levels. She seems to catch whatever is out there. Additionally she suffers daily from fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome.

Most recently (about a year ago) she suffered a case of Salmonella Typhoid Fever [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/health/medical\\_notes/4134567.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/health/medical_notes/4134567.stm) followed by a bout of E. coli <http://familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/common/digestive/disorders/242.html>. The resulting treatment with antibiotics destroyed the good bacteria along with the bad in her intestinal tract. This allowed a bad bacterium called *Clostridium Difficile* to take over. <http://www.freewebs.com/tonymarano/>. That, in turn, had an even more adverse effect on her immune system. Brenda has lost about 30 lbs and her muscle tone is quite poor.

Our response has been an attempt to build up her immune system with probiotics and nutrition which is, so far, bringing mixed results. We continued working with a local physician and with a nutritionist connected with a clinic in Ft. Worth. At first, the results were striking. Brenda felt better than she had in years. But recently, we have suffered some major setbacks due to a fall (while I was in Australia) and yet another bout with gastroenteritis. We have begun another round of blood tests which we hope will provide some direction in treatment.

In addition, some very serious, troublesome and continuing family and financial issues have taken their emotional toll and these stressors have exacerbated her struggle with her health.

As a further complication, our ministry has been going through some major changes in regard to sponsorship and financial support. This has also been quite stressful. We believe, however, the end result will be positive. I will tell you about some of these changes in my next report. **Needless to say, we would appreciate your prayers during this difficult time.**

**We are confident that all these difficulties will be resolved in time.** We just have to keep on keeping on until we get to the other side. But, as Brenda often says, "It's the

bit in the middle that gets to you.” We pray for God’s mercy and the strength which He supplies to resist these attacks which seem so satanic.

**Providentially, our eldest son, Tim and his wife, Keely** live in Abilene and are most helpful and supportive. He’s a very busy man who seldom works less than an 11-hour day. Yet, he finds the time to keep watch over Brenda and our home when I go to Lubbock to teach or make a trip to the South Pacific.

**Meantime, I continue to work at Sunset teaching missions and with our branch school in Sydney. Craig Peters**, our Administrative Dean is working hard to secure a long-term visa enabling him to continue to live and work in Australia. He is due to return to the US this month to seek additional funding. **We also request your prayers that these efforts will be successful.**

**Thank you for your continual encouragement and belief in our work.** Because of you we are helping to lay a foundation for the future growth and health of the kingdom in the South Pacific.

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