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Dear Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Terpstra, My parents in Christ.

Thank God our Father before everything. I got back from Ponape Hospital last night after hemodialysis and found your letter of March 10, 1982 lying on my desk in my leaving-room. Was I glad to read it and hear from you. It has been a long time since we met and all along I was trying to write but I just could not because I lost my address book when my house collapsed and I move from there and lost some of my things. I could not find your address in order to write you some of the things which happening here in Ponape and to me especially.

Well, you have asked me to write you about my physical and spiritual conditions. Well, I am a double amputee. my left leg was cut ~~under~~ above my knee and my right leg was cut below my knee. I'm tied to a wheelchair and wheeling around everywhere, here and there anywhere. I have high blood pressure, heart, liver and kidney failure but by the grace of God, I am still living. My doctor told me that they do not know what keeps me alive but I know who keeps me alive, The One. The only friend and companion I have in live. My wife is second to him, my savior and Defender Jesus Christ to whom all glory is given. He is helping me to ride above my present conditions.

I am still active in the church work. The deacons put me on the stage and when my time comes, then I preached my sermon. The people still like to listen to my sermons in spite of my looks and conditions. These things keep me going because they make me feel that I'm still needed.

My daughter Albertina and her husband with their little daughter of one year old came to Ponape last year and are still here. She married to Michaelson Samuel, the oldest son of Wilson Samuel of Mwalok. We, Wilson and I were classmates in O.C.T.S. They are here to earn some more money in order to go back and finish their studies. She is in medicine and he is in politics. Albertina is teaching handicapped children and he is teaching at Nett Elementary school.

My oldest son is at Micronesian Occupational College in Palau. He is studying electronic engineering. Charles and Albert Jr. are still in High school. Albert will be graduated this June and be at Chamorro University in Honolulu this Fall. You may see him and his wife there next school year.

Concerning the UCC in Ponape, many more Soumpadak and Wanparons were since you were here last. Ordination of Soumpadak and Wanparon is like a school graduation. It has been conducted every year and it is now resulted that in some churches the number of the ministers is more than the number of the Christians in the church. Last February a Rally was held in Kolonia and many of these ministers were sitting outside under the trees and telling

stories because only some of them have something to do in the services because there were so many of them and not enough things in the program for ~~all~~ ^{each} of them to do something.

There is a rumor that the number of the Soumpadak will be reduced after the implementation of the new church constitution. The new Constitution is the result of your visit Ponape few years ago. The ministers did not like the reduction idea and said that they will become members of the other sects in Ponape if the reduction is going to be implemented. I should think that you would be very much interested in these to know that following people became Soumpadak or Waparon:

1. <u>NAME</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Momodiso</u> <u>or</u> <u>Place</u>
2. Henry Ringlen	SP	Jenuwen
3. Singly Hallen	WP	" "
4. Pedrus Fredrik	SP	" "
5. Poned Saul	SP	Wapar
6. Luniu Silvanus	WP	Parahu
7. Alipet Perezg	WP	Sapwalap
9. Isao Rospel	SP	Jenuwen
9. Kuniwo	SP	Pihis
10. Josiwo Santos	SP	Wone
11. Enter Luther	SP	Lou kitta
12. Moses Santos	SP	" "
13. Johnny David	WP	" "
14. John Johnny	WP	Palikir
15. Herbert Hallen	SP	Palikir
16. Perpet Rout	SP	Palikir