Hello, 9-23-23

 I wanted to wrap up the situation with Martatina.  She had two tumors removed from her neck, both of them benign.  The doctors cleared her for travel this week and they made it back to village on Wednesday.  She will still need to have some follow-up appointments, but she can do those at a clinic that isn’t too far away.

 Thank you all for your prayers.  We are grateful to the Lord that things went so well for them.

 Yours in Christ,

 Paul Gervasi

9-16-23

We want to thank you for your prayers for Martatina and her family.  It has been a little difficult for us to get news about what is going on.  That is partly due to the fact that everyone communicates with their phones these days, and we have no cell signal in our village.  Added to that it the normal situation here in this country, that the doctors give almost no information to their patients.

 This is what we do know.  Martatina had an MRI on Wednesday and then on Thursday she had an operation to remove something from her neck.  We assume it was a tumor.  We also assume they will do pathology on the tumor.  But we don’t know when we will know if it is malignant or not.  She spent two days in hospital and then was released.  They are staying at a hostel located next to one of our churches in the city of Pontianak.  We understand that she will be going in for a follow-up check on Monday.  We assume that if everything is okay, they will allow her to come back here to the village some time next week.

 Again we want to thank you for your prayers for this family.  We do hope that this will alleviate her physical issues and that there won’t be any long term issues.

 Thanks again.

 Paul

Hello, 9-14-23

 We mentioned Martatina in our last prayer letter.  She is the wife of one of the church elders here in Sekadau.  She has suffered from headaches, dizziness and fainting for some time.  Lately it has gotten worse.  On Tuesday they went out to the regional capital to have her examined.  They did an MRI yesterday.  Today we understand that she is being operated on.  Please pray that the doctors will have skill and wisdom as they operate and give after care.  Pray too that the Lord would use this in the life of their family and in the church here.

 Thanks.

 In Christ,

 Paul Gervasi