

- Family

- Lirio – Slowly improving. Ray & Lirio take walks several times a week. She used to hold on to Ray, but now is able to walk using a cane but without holding Ray for balance. She continues to diligently work hard at her physical therapy activities. Most important, she remains encouraged in the Lord, not depressed or despondent about her situation. The fibromyalgia symptoms ceased with the stroke.
- Marjorie & Alex – Alex is working at Pearl Harbor, although government shutdown has stopped his work for the moment. Hopefully, he will get some backpay when the shutdown is over. In June they adopted the foster child they have had since his birth in May of 2024. All are doing well. Ray & Lirio babysit periodically. Alex finished seminary in 2023 and is still interested in full time ministry.
 - Ray has turned 60 this past year and is beginning to pray about transition out. One option they are exploring is to mentor Alex with the possible goal of him taking Ray's place at some point in the future.
 - Alex and two other guys (including Mike David) are on track to become elders, possibly around the end of year.
- Brandon & Theona – are doing well, living in the Fairfield area. He is still not walking with the Lord, but recently Brandon has a renewed curiosity and interest in talking about God and His Word.
- Sam – is still working in real estate, and is getting married in December to a girl he knew from high school. They have both recently been an encouragement to each other spiritually which is good.
- Ray – His dad is 93 now and Ray helps provide care-giving for his dad. After Ray's mom passed away, his dad now wants to move back to the Philippines. Between Ray's parents and Lirio, Ray has carried a significant load of care-giving for several years. That has been wearying and tiring, but it has also been a joy and fulfillment to serve in these very practical ways. Ray is walking with Lirio through all of the mental, emotional, and physical challenges of not being able to do what she used to and having to learn how to manage ordinary life tasks all over again. That is a very wearying state to be in. Ray has great love for Lirio and the strong desire to be the help and encouragement she needs, but that doesn't eliminate the energy and effort that the care-giving consumes, and the older we get, the faster that energy is used up, and the longer it takes to recover. In the midst of challenges like this, Ray finds himself more dependent on Christ and aware of Christ's presence with him. The situation has been, at the same time, difficult and a joy. His endurance is stretched by the week in and week out load. He has been in ministry leadership for 40 years (including the youth ministry in the 80's with CBC).

- Island Grace Church (IGC)

- Bob Arieto (previously an elder) left IGC about two years ago, but Mike David and 2 others (Alex and Leon) will likely be presented to the congregation for affirmation as elders in a couple months. They are a great leadership support, very capable of shepherding, teaching, and preaching well.
- There is one other young man who seems gifted in teaching and is potentially a future elder.
- Small groups are doing well. One or two of the three groups could divide, resulting in perhaps 5 small groups. Alex is leading the small group that Ray used to lead. This is an opportunity for Alex to gain experience and to be mentored by Ray in the context of different age groups. This is going well.
- Youth ministry is led by Alex.
- Attendance is about 60ish. There are a couple families who have left as is the transient nature of the local population. There are new families and a few single ladies who have come. There will be a new members class with about 6 people in November.
- Besides Lirio, there are a few other people in leadership who have had health issues and therefore have had to reduce their leadership roles. The annual church family camp is an activity that scaled back considerably this year because of reduced leadership capacity.
- The existing facility is working great. Relationship with the new pastor of that facility (2 years ago) is continuing well. The space that is available to IGC, the price they charge, and the flexibility with non-Sunday time is awesome.
- A while back, the company that bills Ray for his and Lirio's health insurance from the church, made a mistake in their billing with the result that they presented Ray with a bill for about \$4000 to get caught up to date. That was a huge surprise expense. Ray asked the host church if they could be a little late on their rent and got gracious agreement from the host church. As they sought the Lord in prayer, He met the financial need. Now they are all paid up with the insurance and with the church rent. Praise God, the church is in the black now for the past couple months.