

May 2008

Spring has sprung; I love this time of year! Living in Juarez and El Paso for the last 5 years there isn't quite the contrast in seasons. After a cold and gloomy winter, spring comes in a more vibrant way! Beautiful flowers, trees budding and the smell of fresh cut grass are not as noticeable in a desert climate in the spring.

When I began writing this letter I was in Lawrenceville, Ga. just finishing up Mission to the World's "Train the Trainer" course. Kathy joined me on Saturday the 26th as we made our last our last scheduled visit for the spring. We had the privilege of worshipping and meeting with the mission committee at 1st Presbyterian in Macon, GA..

Much has transpired since our last update. We finished out the month of March visiting, New Covenant in MD and Reformed PC of Boothwyn. At Reformed PC they had a covered dish dinner with several other churches attending. It was our goal to motivate these churches to come to Monterrey as none of the churches have ever been on a cross cultural mission trip.

April started off quickly and we have not slowed down yet! We participated in several mission conferences starting in Indianapolis, In., then on to Ft Payne, AL and finishing up with West Hopewell, Va. It has been a very busy winter/spring time for us but in talking with other missionaries at various mission conferences it's more the norm not the exception. Kathy and I are very happy to say we are now at 90% as Covenant PC of Little Rock has joined our support team!

Our original thoughts were to be fully funded by late spring. The Lord in is perfect timing has us here a little longer. Right now our concern is for Steve. We continue to pray for his impending graduation from HS and his plans for the immediate future. Thanks to all of you who continue to keep him in your prayers! We want to arrive in Monterrey with a sense of some confidence in knowing where and what Steve will be doing.

This week Kathy went in for a routine colonoscopy. They found a mass with precancerous cells and some cancer cells on the surface. We will be meeting with the surgeon on Wednesday. They have told us as far as they can tell after they remove the mass she won't need any further treatment. Praise the Lord! I attached a letter Kathy wrote to a friend about how the Lord is using this in her life.

Two verses come to mind as we approach the end of spring and prepare for what appears to be a very busy summer. First in Philippians 4:19 we are reminded that "God will meet all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus" and secondly in 2Timothy 1:7 that "God did not give us the spirit of fear but a spirit of power, of love and self discipline" so we will continue to trust that the Lord will provide the remaining 10% and that God loves Steve more than Kathy and I and He will take care of Steve according to His perfect will!

Praise ~ That the Lord has provided another partnering church.

That the Dr. found the mass early.

For the love, support and prayers of our partners

Prayer ~ For the remaining \$ 1,100 we need monthly & balance of one time gifts.

For Scott as he prepares to head to Monterrey to help with summer teams.

For the teams that are preparing to come to Monterrey.

For us to remember that we are on a path of His choosing.

In Him,

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A few weeks ago a friend recommended "Jesus Calling" a devotional by Sarah Young. I decided to order it as soon as we were finished talking mostly because I just didn't want forget the name of it:)

On Tuesday I went in for what I thought was going to be a routine colonoscopy. When I woke up I asked the nurse how it went and she was very vague saying they found a few polyps but the Dr would talk to me. I got dressed and went in to talk to the Dr. He went on to say how lucky I was that it was found. I was thinking ~ What I wanted was everything to be nice and clean. While he was in there he called in a surgeon who took a look at. He then told me they had taken pieces of it out and sent it off for a rush biopsy. He then asked if I had any tattoos and I said no ~ well he said you do now. He tattooed the mass so the surgeon could find it later.

On Tuesday afternoon the book arrived. Thursday a.m. the devotional started out

"You are on the path of My choosing. There is no randomness about your life. Here and Now comprise the coordinates of your daily life. Most people let their moments slip through their fingers, half lived. They avoid the present by worrying about the future or longing for a better time and place. They forget that they are creatures who are subject to the limitation of time and space. They forget their Creator, who walks with them only in the present...."

Luke 12:25-26 ~ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

As I read this tears streamed down my face~ Oh how well the Lord knows my heart and just what I needed to hear.

Thursday I decided to call the Dr's office to see if my results came in early. I didn't realize the impact of the words "I am calling to see if the results of my biopsy are in yet". It is one of those life changing moments. My results weren't in yet. Later Thursday afternoon Steve hands me the phone and it was my very nice Dr. calling with my results. He is thrilled with them but I am not. Precancerous cells were found and some cancerous cells on the surface. I was expecting ~ not precancerous and certainly not cancerous. He then told me I was looking at the glass half empty & I needed to go hug my kids. As the evening progressed I begin to realize that he was right ~ it is all relative. He is used to seeing to so much worse and I am used to having a clean coloscopy. I realized this a.m. that my glass is not just half full but overflowing.

The devotional this a.m. was - ***Living in dependence on Me is the way to enjoy abundant life. You are learning to appreciate tough times, because they amplify your awareness of My Presence.***

Wednesday at 12:15 I am going to see the surgeon. My Dr. seems to think it will just be surgery and we won't need any follow up radiation. I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom for us and the Dr. as we navigate this new road.

On another note ~ Steve is heading off to his Jr. Sr. Formal tonight ~ with a dear friend taking some extra pictures for us to maybe use as his senior pictures.

Have a great day in Him!

Love Kathy

Team Partnership #11130

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