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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you to the many who have reached out stating they are praying for a safer location for the Kids Bible Club to meet. The letter has been submitted, but they have yet to receive a response. Please pray God will continue to provide safety as they meet on Saturday mornings, and that He will provide the right relocation place.

There are several health updates to give since my last letter. The best news I have received is the surgeon is pleased with my recovery thus far, and he has no immediate plan to perform the "big" surgery. I am very thankful for this, and I continue to pray that the surgery will never become necessary. Thank you so much for the many prayers about this matter.

Many of the health issues I have are rare and it is often hard to find physicians with knowledge and skill to make recommendations and to help give treatment options. However, God has granted me such doctors since my return to the US. I thank the Lord for giving me this, even when they tell me things I do not want to hear.

Multiple specialists have been working together to give a clearer picture of what has caused so many issues. One diagnosis I have received recently affects every aspect of my body, including all of my organs. This explains many of the issues and severe pain I was experiencing while living in Botswana. Most of my "triggers" that cause this type of reaction are environmental in nature, and are not something I can easily avoid. All of the specialists have very clearly stated that, currently, it is life-threatening for me to return to live on the foreign field long-term. While there is not a cure for this condition, I am thankful to be able to receive treatment in the US.

The encouraging part concerning this diagnosis is the doctors have said I can try to take short-term mission trips while on treatment. The other nice thing, is that the "triggers" can change over time. It is my prayer that my reactions will become less affected by the environment and a cure will be found.

Many prayers have been prayed and much counsel has been sought during each step of this process. At this time my pastor, BIMI Director and I are in agreement that the door for me to return to Botswana seems to be closing for the time being. As you can imagine, it was a very difficult decision and was not taken lightly. A large part of my heart will forever remain in Botswana. I am thankful for the souls that were saved, Bibles distributed, children that were taught about the Lord and much more.

There are several options that the Lord is opening up for me, pray for wisdom and clear direction as I go through each open door. It is my heart's desire to continue to serve the Lord with the abilities that He has given me. I take comfort in knowing that God never changes even though my situation does. He has given me Isaiah 43:19 during this time, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Please pray the Lord will continue to lead and guide in each step. Your prayers are working!

Thank you,

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