

Merry Christmas

from
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Dear Praying Friends,

Like you folks reading this prayer letter, we so enjoyed our Thanksgiving meal and rejoice in the blessing of the Lord's provision. We, as well, anticipate the joys of the Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of Him who was born to die to provide us with eternal life.

It has been said that the well of God's grace is a deep one. In recent weeks, our family has been using a very long rope and the Lord has been very gracious to us in the time of urgent need. You will remember that both Edie and Kellie, our #2 daughter, were operated upon about a week apart in early September - Kellie for a fast-appearing brain cancer, and Edie for breast cancer.

Although Edie's recovery has been gradual and slow, it has been a steady one and she is doing very well. She was aided in great fashion by the counsel of several women who are reading this letter. We are so thankful for them and the many friends who have remembered her before the Lord.

As the Lord would have it, our daughter Kellie's situation has proven to be quite another story. Some seven weeks after Kellie's brain surgery to remove that cancerous tumor, the cancer returned quite aggressively and it appears that aside from a miracle of God, we won't have her with us for long. After suffering another debilitating headache, she was taken to the local ER where the tests performed showed that the cancer had not only returned but was rampantly spreading throughout her brain. Kellie was initially moved from the hospital ER to a hospice center to gain control over the pain. She was then transferred to a nursing home and is now back in a hospice care unit once again. For her comfort, the medical staff is gradually increasing her pain medication. We sure appreciate your prayers as we daily visit that well of God's grace and rejoice in His promises. Once again, Edie's nursing skills have proven their worth as she has been with Kellie and her family since 23OCT and I flew up on 26NOV with plans to return to Costa Rica shortly after Kellie's home going. Her soon departure has drawn our thoughts as to how believers already in heaven must view and anticipate the Rapture.

After six long weeks, the problem of not being able to send mail to the US from Costa Rica mentioned in our last prayer letter has finally been solved, though not as we anticipated. It was all caused by the 5% US tariff increase on Costa Rica and, believe it or not, resulted in the Costa Rican postal rates being increased by nearly 300%. Thank the Lord we send nearly all our prayer letters via e-mail!

In November, the church folks in San Marcos have struggled to understand the importance of their commitment to the Lord and placing both the Lord and His church in their proper place on their list of priorities. Pray with us as the folks work on those two critical factors of their survival. Even now they are going through a major challenge to their faith. A recent water leak problem in an apartment above the church has brought with it a request by the landlord to increase the rental price of the building by nearly 44%. Thank the Lord, but it is forcing the folks to see the need of tithing. Do make that a matter of prayer!

My last class on the book of Romans was taught on Thanksgiving night. I taught it from Kellie's basement. The eleven students finished well and will begin anew in early February with another class. All but one work fulltime jobs and also receive a class from their pastor on Tuesdays. Thank you for praying for them!

Have a blessed Christmas, remembering the Saviour's birth with family and friends!

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