

A few months ago Pam began occasionally having problems swallowing. In June it got to the point where we decided she should get it looked at. She went to the medical clinic in the town I grew up in and they referred her to a specialist. He determined quickly that she needed to have an endoscopy done to see what was going on. They were no appointments available until September but he did not want to wait that long and double booked her for the morning of August 2nd. following the procedure the doctor came in with the news that the problem is a 5cm mass growing in her esophagus and that it appears to be malignant. He was able to take several biopsies and have sent them to pathology. They also were able to send her to have a CT scan done the same day and are scheduling her an appointment with a thoracic surgeon as soon as possible,

The pastor here preached yesterday about no matter what difficulties we face each day, it does not change the truth that we are to love and serve the Lord with all of our heart and life. Our first reaction with this news was fear and sadness, but the Lord quickly calmed our hearts and gave us an afternoon of worship and praise for the Lord in our lives. This afternoon the Lord took me to Isaiah 24 were He gives the description of the destruction of the land and the effects it had on everyone, including the people of God. And the instruction for God's people is to respond by glorifying the Lord! Isaiah 24:15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

The Lord has been so good to Pam and I. He brought us here to care for her mom as she battles kidney cancer and with that has us in a place where Pam can receive the care she needs much faster than in the Far North. Please praise the Lord with us for all He has done and pray for healing and wisdom.

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