

March 14, 2022

Dear Pastor,

Though it is an old hymn, I was not familiar with "Its Not an Easy Road" until we started attending Sweet Springs Baptist Church while we are back in the states. It is sung here on a regular basis and especially over the last 10 months the songwriter has captured our testimony. Part of the first verse says, "It's not an easy road but the Savior is with us, His presence gives us joy ev'ry day." Every update that Pam sends out she makes the comment for people not to give up because the Lord is working! Having His presence with us does give us joy as we travel this not so easy road towards heaven.

In December we received the news from the surgeon that while on chemo and radiation, Pam's cancer has spread from her esophagus to her liver. Because of this, the surgery to remove the tumor in the esophagus is no longer an option, and a new treatment plan was suggested. On December 29 she began the new regime of chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatments. On February 14 she had another MRI that shows 2 of the spots on her liver have shrunk some and the other 2 are unchanged. Also, the tumor in her esophagus is unchanged from the last scan in December. The oncologist has told us that if she responds well to the treatments, her prognosis is in years, but that the cancer being stage 4 and metastasized is not curable and she will have to continue treatments indefinitely. Of course, our prayer is that the Lord would give her complete and immediate healing, but we also will trust Him for His sufficient grace if He chooses for us to go through the longer road of treatments with Him.

With all this information, much prayer and counsel from our pastor, our children, and other close friends in the ministry, we have made the difficult decision to transition our ministry back to the states. The fact that the healthcare system in the Canadian Arctic must send all cancer patients south for treatment and does not offer the same level or options of care has played a part in this decision as well. We will be moving back to Missouri where Pam can continue to receive her care at the University of Missouri/Ellis Fischel Cancer Hospital. We will also be able to continue to serve the Lord through the ministries of the Sweet Springs Baptist Church in Huntsville. This transition will take place of the next few months. I will have to make a few trips north to finalize all our responsibilities there, help the church as it seeks a new pastor, and pack our belongings to bring back south. We are asking that you would continue to support us through the end of June. I will also be making a phone call to every supporting church to discuss any details and answer any questions you may have. If you need any information sooner, I can be contacted at 904-718-4223. You may also contact my pastor, Dr Steve Proctor at 573-686-1260

20 years ago, Pam and I made our first survey trip to the Arctic. It was on that trip I preached for the first time in the Aklavik Baptist Church not realizing all the Lord was going to do in and through our lives. Returning from that trip we began an amazing journey of finishing my last semester of college, raising our support, and then moving North. What a joy it has been to watch the Lord work as we have seen many souls saved and the church established and growing. We do not take for granted the love and sacrifice that you and your churches have made for us to serve the Lord all these years. Please continue to pray not only for our family and Pam's healing, but also for the Aklavik Baptist Church, that it would continue to grow and prosper.

In His service,

Larry and Pam Noland