

Praise the Lord for His grace, mercy, and strength in our lives! Sometimes I think the Lord must tire of my continual coming to him with all of my needs and troubles, but then I am reminded that it is one thing He desires in the life of His children. 1

Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

We also praise Him for you and your prayers and encouragement for us. We see His hand and the answers to prayer every day.

Though she felt better after our return from Aklavik, Pam started to feel worse following her next treatment. With her heart rate high and shortness of breath we took her to the ER and she was admitted into the hospital. Her red blood cell count was extremely low and tests revealed she was bleeding somewhere in her GI tract. They performed an endoscopy and found two places bleeding in her esophagus and small intestine that they were able to repair during the procedure. She was home only a few days when she began coughing and having a fever. A trip to the clinic did not reveal anything so off to the ER again for another short hospital stay. They were thinking a possible blood clot, but several blood tests and a scan found she had a bad flu that the test at the clinic did not catch, though she still has a cough almost two weeks later, she is feeling much better.

This past Tuesday the did another PET scan and we met with Dr. on Wednesday for the results. The scan shows that the tumor in the esophagus has remained unchanged since the November scan, but the ones in her liver have changed. Instead of 4 there is now only one, but it is significantly larger. They are changing the chemo meds starting with her next treatment, but since there is only one spot now she will see an interventional radiologist about the possibility to do a laparoscopic procedure and burn it out. This is a less invasive procedure that traditional surgery. Though the cancer has grown, we are trusting the Lord is working in this way for the doctors to remove all the cancer form the liver. The appointment to see this new Dr is on June 7.

On June 11 I will begin another trip to Aklavik by myself. My plan is to have a church service, finalize things with the sale of our house, and then drive back with the truck and trailer we packed in April. Also, Andrena is moving back south and we will pack her things in the trailer and she will ride with me. This trip should take

about 17 or 18 days. An additional prayer request for this is that the truck will be ready as it is currently in the shop in Inuvik waiting for parts.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for praying for us.

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Just sending a short update on our appointment yesterday. Thank you again for praying.

Pam and I met with the interventional radiologist and his recommendation with the size of the spot on her liver is to do "Selective Internal Radiation Therapy". They will put a catheter in an artery near the groin and through that they will put radiation spheres or beads directly into the liver. The first appointment they will check the blood flow and some other tests and from that will determine the strength of the radiation. It will take a few days to get the medication and then they will do the procedure at a second appointment. The first appointment is scheduled for June 24. After the treatment they will wait about 3 months to do another scan. Her chemo treatments will continue on the current schedule of once every two weeks.

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