

November-December 2019

Dear family, friends, and supporting churches,

We can't thank you enough for your faithful prayers and support. We are so thankful and encouraged by what God is doing in our lives and in Kristen's body. Her last several doctors' visits have been very good. All of her counts have been improving and she has not even had to have the Darby shot for her kidneys. She has been very excited about that because they are rather painful. She has received several more immunizations and all of that process is going well.

We were pretty discouraged after talking to her primary doctor here in Little Rock last month. He was telling us that he did not think that it would be wise to take her back to Thailand for several years if at all. He was concerned about getting the medical care that she needed there. After some research, we found out that the Hematologist that works at the hospital in Bangkok where Kristen was diagnosed is one of the top Hematologists in the world. He has a great team of doctors and they are confident that they can continue whatever care she may need in the future. They coordinate care with M. D. Anderson for several American patients, so that relieved some of the fears that we had. Kristen's transplant doctor gave us the schedule for her immunizations and said that the ones that she needed to be able to go back to Thailand would be given in September and that he would clear her to go back then. Praise the Lord, we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We were real close last month to resigning from the mission field and trying to find a new direction. I would not feel right about continuing to take support without a definite future date of return, but since the doctors agree that it would be okay to return we have decided to stay the course. We have been very frustrated with having to wait, but sometimes that is what God has us to do. A supporting pastor reminded me just the other day of Genesis 11:8 (By faith Abraham...obeyed; and he went out, not knowing wither he went.) Sometimes we just don't know.

We have lost several of our supporting churches since we have been home, and I completely understand. However, we will need to try and make those up before we return this fall. I will be trying to book some meetings throughout these next few months to present our burden for Thailand. Pray that God will lead us to the right churches and that we can be a blessing and help promote missions and the need for more laborers.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we pray that your new year will be a blessed and fruitful year.

In Christ,
The Daniel Files family

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