

the FILES

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

June-July 2018

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. The last few months have without a doubt, been the most difficult time in our lives. Thankfully we have a God that loves us, knows our needs, and that we can depend on when we are facing difficult situations. Brother John Bishop taught us a song at camp years ago: "God is good and God is right, God is good both day and night, He's always good so never fear, He's always right and always near". I have hummed that song a lot here lately. Sometimes you just have to remind yourself of what you already know is true.

We moved to Houston on May 30th. Kristen checked into Texas Children's Hospital and began taking intense chemo and full body radiation to try and remove all of her bone marrow. On June 8th, she had the bone marrow transplant. Everything went as good as we could have hoped. One of the biggest concerns is Graft vs Host disease. That is where the new bone marrow recognizes her body as foreign and begins to attack her body. She thankfully has not had any of this yet. There are numerous side effects, and the medicines they give her to help have other side effects, so it seems there is always something to be concerned about. Right now, she is experiencing pain in her legs and high blood sugar. All of her counts are good and the doctors are pleased with the results to this point. After 42 days in the hospital, they released her and she was able to come home. We are currently renting a place here in Houston. Kristen has to have blood drawn three days a week so we will have to remain in Houston for at least a couple of more months.

We have had the opportunity to visit several churches here in Houston. Last Sunday we presented our burden for Thailand and preached. I was able to go soul winning with a Pastor here in the area. We weren't having many opportunities, but the last house we came to, a man named Memo was cleaning his van out. We asked him if he knew for sure he was going to Heaven when he died and he said he was about 80% sure. We were able to share the gospel with him, and after a lengthy discussion I was able to lead him to Christ. He's now 100% sure he will go to Heaven!

Continue to pray for Kristen's recovery. She still has a long way to go but we are so grateful for the progress she has made. Pray that we can be a blessing to the churches that we are attending while we are in Houston. Pray for our other two children as they will be starting school without us there. We look forward to being all back together again.

In Christ,
Daniel Files and family.



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