

the FILES

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

February-March 2018

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. We have been overwhelmed with the love and care that has been shown to us as we go through this trial with our daughter. Thank you for every card, note, and gift that has been given. We have great comfort in knowing that people all over the world are praying for Kristen.

After the first month of chemo, Kristen had another bone marrow biopsy. We were praying that the cancer would be in remission and they could schedule a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, there were still a considerable amount of Leukemia blast in her bone marrow. The Doctor was not pleased with the results. He decided to put her through another round of intense chemo. She had to go to the hospital for four days a week the first two weeks for treatment and then one day a week the last two weeks, along with the chemo pills that she takes at home every day. Thankfully, she has handled this round a little better. She has not been as nauseous, and has been able to eat regularly. The doctor wanted to give her body a couple of weeks to recover from the treatment so she will have another bone marrow biopsy in two weeks to determine if we are heading in the right direction. Please pray that the cancer will go into remission.

We flew to Houston on March 28th to meet with the doctors there about the transplant. They informed us that they had found four possible perfect matches and explained the whole process to us. They examined Kristen and drew some blood. She can only get the transplant if the cancer goes into remission, so please make that a matter of urgent prayer. If the cancer is not responding to the chemo, then we will have to start looking at other options.

Many of you have asked about our finances and if there are any needs. Up to this point every need has been met. We have a good insurance plan for overseas through BIMi, but when we return to the states we have to change over to a stateside plan. The problem with that is that the stateside plan cost \$1,000 a month more than our plan for overseas. We didn't want to risk trying to change plans with her in the middle of this and risk losing coverage so we are just going to pay the extra and keep it. If you would like to help us cover the extra cost of the insurance, then that would be a blessing. Other than that, every need to this point has been met. Please continue to pray for Kristen and our family as we deal with her Leukemia. We know that God is in control. We know that He loves her more than we ever could and will always do what is best for her. I do have my U.S. number again (501) 831-1061 if you need to contact me.

In Christ
Daniel Files and family



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