

the FILES

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

December 2018-January 2019

Dear family, friends, and supporting churches,

We hope that each and every one of you had a great holiday season and wonderful start to the new year. Although we would certainly rather be in Thailand, it was a blessing to be able to spend Christmas with our family. Kristen was feeling pretty well over the holidays so it made for an enjoyable time together.

As with Kristen's progress, it seems like every time we get a good report, shortly after, something else arises to be concerned about. At her last visit with Children's Hospital in Houston, her hemoglobin and platelets were low. She had also been retaining fluids for a couple of weeks and her eyes were swelling up every night. They took her off of her chemo pill and changed some other medicines around to try and help. Her blood test also showed that her kidneys are not producing a hormone that tells the body to produce more red blood cells. They are giving her a shot of EPO every week now to help with that. The good news is that there is still no sign of Leukemia in her blood and all of her blood is being produced by the donor's bone marrow, so we are grateful and praising the Lord for that. The problem is that the chemo and radiation has damaged other organs and they are not acting right. Last week she woke up one morning with her right eye completely swollen shut. It turns out that she had a big sty that is blocking three of her oil glands. She is taking some medicine for that so just continue to pray that her body will heal and that her kidneys and liver will start functioning properly. Her next appointment is on February 5th in Houston.

I have had several opportunities to preach at my home church and some supporting churches in the area. It is always a blessing to be able to preach. I will be preaching a mission conference and be involved in two other mission conferences in the month of February. Pray that God will use us to be a blessing and help promote the cause of Christ. Thank you so much for your faithful support and patience with us as we try to get Kristen better. Thank you for those who sent extra to help with our medical and travel expenses. Thank you again for all the cards that have been sent to Kristen. They are such an encouragement for her and us. And last but not least, thank you for your prayers. Keep it up because we need it.

In Christ,
Daniel Files and family.



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