

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

April – May 2018

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. We praise the Lord that after three rounds of chemotherapy, Kristen's cancer is in remission. She had a bone marrow biopsy on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and there were no detectable Leukemia cells in her bone marrow. Although we know that she still has a long way to go and a big battle in front of her, we are so grateful that God has answered our prayers, and that this first step has been accomplished.

We will be flying back to Houston on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for a couple of days to meet with the doctors there. They have to run a few tests to prepare for the bone marrow transplant. We will return to Houston the following week to prepare for the transplant. She will have to have a week of chemotherapy and radiation to completely destroy her bone marrow and then they will give her the new bone marrow. Please pray that she will not get any infections between now and then that would keep her from being able to have the transplant. Please pray that the transplant will go well and that her body will accept the new bone marrow. She will be in the hospital for a minimum of 45 days after the transplant and then we will have to stay in Houston for 3 to 6 months for daily checkups. We will be renting an apartment next to the medical center to stay in while we are there.

We have had the opportunity to be in a mission's conference close to home last month. It was a blessing to once again share our burden for Thailand. I also had the opportunity to fill in for a couple of Pastors in my home state the last couple of weeks and preach in our annual Back to Bethel camp meeting. I am always thankful for the opportunity to preach.

Please pray specifically for the following:

- For Kristen's transplant to be successful.
- For Katie and Kaleb. We will be separated from them for much of this time. They will be staying with my parents.
- That God will get the glory and that souls will be saved through all of this.
- That God will allow us opportunities to serve and share our burden for Thailand with churches in the area while we are in Houston.



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