

March 20, 2024

G'day Praying Partners,

I've put off writing this update, hoping to have some further information to give to you concerning my health. On Monday I received a phone call from the oncologist. As you may remember from our last update, I (Jackie) was diagnosed with cancer in January. At first everything seemed to be happening quickly – I had surgery to put a port in the end of January. At that time, I was told chemo would start soon – but then never heard anything for weeks. This Saturday I will have my MRI, to be followed by my first round of chemo on Tuesday, March 26. The oncologist is indicating 6 treatments, there will be 3 weeks break between each session. Then I will have surgery, followed by 4-7 weeks of daily radiation. I know many of you have been praying, and I am so thankful for each prayer lifted before the Great Physician.

It has actually been a busy couple of months – in spite of the waiting! We've been in a couple of mission's conferences along with other meetings. As we finish up our furlough and reporting ministry, it has been an incredible blessing to be able to share what God has done, and is doing, in our precious Melbourne, Australia. As we share, we are reminded what God has allowed us to be a part of these last 20 years. We are awed and humbled. Being God's hands and feet in Australia has been the most incredible journey – one for which we are eternally grateful. Thank you for your prayer and financial support through these many, many years. As we've been in meetings these last 2 months, we've been able to share this newest part of our journey – not one we would have chosen, but one in which we are trusting God, knowing that He is in complete control. There are not words to express the gratitude I have for all the encouragements I received at each church we've been in recently. As I shared my cancer journey, so many of you personally came to me to share your own cancer story as well. There have been hugs, tears, encouraging words and reminders of God's faithfulness. I've also received emails from many of you in response to our update in January. It is overwhelming to know that we having people literally all over the world praying for us. It has given me courage and strength – and I praise God for each one of you.

Next month we will be updating you on how we feel God directing us as we continue on this mission's journey. For those of you who support us financially, we will be posting out a letter to give you some details and Rob will be contacting you each personally. Our entire mission's journey has been one of walking by faith. This is no different. We are constantly reminded that God IS faithful and that He never calls us to do something that He doesn't equip us to do. Our prayer request is simple – may God be glorified through it ALL!

Shining the Light Down Under,

Rob and Jackie

