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Chemo Side Effects

This present version of chemo has many similarities to my chemo last year and a few differences in the side effects. While last year I experienced neuropathy in my hands and feet as well as sensitivity to cold, this round cold is not a problem, the neuropathy in my fingers is almost gone.

Unfortunately, thanks to surgery and the new chemo, all dealing with my lower intestines, the side effects are rather embarrassing and unpredictable. In other words, my proximity to the facilities is crucial on a day-to-day basis.

As of the end of August I will thankfully be through with twelve rounds of fun and this new adventure.

One lady in the infusion room stated, "I just want to get my life back." While we can understand her sentiment, the reality is that "this" is the new life. There's a purpose but sometimes people don't see it.

Ministry Advancements

Bob has been investing a lot of time to learn and make use of the Azure cloud. Moving some servers from on-premise to cloud based servers provides a more robust system dealing with disasters and local power / weather issues. Thus, when our office is unavailable (such as the fire in 2017) the remaining TWR global offices have access to critical systems.

The proxy access application is moving forward and was recently introduced to the staff with future roll outs to provide as much access as possible for remote staff. It's proven to be a benefit to the staff and to the IT team especially during unexpected weekend events.

Global I.T. Meetings

The first week of June our global administrators, and a few others, gathered in Cary for our annual meeting. We discussed the coming opportunities to improve our infrastructure and provide a solid platform to continue bringing the Gospel message to the world. Subjects such as cloud services, SaaS (software as a service), hyper-converged server clusters, cross region support and many other topics filled our days. For Bob it is always a joy to see these guys and gals face to face. The fellowship is encouraging.

Summer Plans

It seems it is hard to make firm plans for things when caught in the web of chemotherapy. But, we were thrilled Joel and his family could come by for a visit after they spent time at the beach. It's always a delight when Ellice, James, Evan and their families come for a visit. Those are highlights for Bob.

Listener's Response

Albania: (Women of Hope)

"I have heard about Jesus since 8 months ago. I didn't have the chance to go to school and sometimes this hurt me so much. I do not know how to read the Bible, but a friend of mine has given me a solar radio and there I can spend time with God. I have heard "Women of Hope" program and many other programs that have helped me to grow strong in the Lord. God bless you so much. Would you please pray for the salvation of my husband?"

Egypt: (Thru the Bible)

"It's been long since I've started listening to your program, I always thank God for allowing me to know this program, I am growing by learning from each episode how to have a good relationship with the Lord and how to live a truly Christian life! Thank you from the heart!"

Morocco: (Thru the Bible)

"I'm a Christian now! I am understanding what this means every day while listening to your program. I wish to receive a Bible so I can have it close to read because so far I just listen to it through the TTB program. May I have one now as I became a Christian? Pray for me that I do not get in trouble because of my Christianity."

Post Chemo Plans

At this point this is still up in the air. We need to see the results of the current regimen to see what might be available for the next steps. Bob's oncologist is always looking for something new that could be beneficial. However, we think we will take a break so Bob can recover from some of the side effects and get back to normal, whatever that is, for a little while.

Prayer Requests

- ✦ Pray this version of Chemo has positive results.
- ✦ Pray for good results in the genome test.
- ✦ Pray for a calm and restful summer.
- ✦ Pray for Beth for strength and patience as a marvelous caregiver.

Your co-laborers in Christ, **Bob & Beth**

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