



Prayers needed...

We certainly should always rely on the promises of God, but have you ever been in a situation where it seemed even more critical? We have found ourselves over our heads with life in the last several weeks. You might recall in our last letter, I mentioned that I had to do a second surgery due to some complications from the first surgery that I had in November. We thank the Lord that the surgery went well and I was able to schedule it during a time when we had a few weeks off from traveling. The recovery has been painful but not as bad as the previous surgery. I am still not back to normal, but getting there. The difficulty is the fact that I had to do this surgery in the United States where our international insurance has a \$3,000 dollar per person deductible, plus a co-pay after that. We were told up front that we would certainly meet our deductible. Pray that God would provide for this need.

Secondly, a few weeks ago, Tiffany began having strange light arcs appear in her vision which is usually a sign of a detached retina. The eye doctor confirmed that she had had a previous retinal detachment but that she also had a hole in her retina that could only be repaired with laser surgery. The surgery went well and she has fully recovered, but once again, a \$3,000 deductible and co-pay. Once again, please pray for this need to be met.

Thirdly, I have to share with you a more difficult health situation. Our youngest son, Caden (19 years old) has been losing blood off and on for several months. After several different medications, the doctor sent him in for a colonoscopy. We have discovered that he has Crohn's disease. He has been so sick for the last few weeks that he hasn't left his bed. For several days, he was not able to keep down any food. We have been getting several tests done to determine the severity of the disease and at this point, we are still waiting on some important tests to be done. The delay has been due to insurance. In Chile, we can get tests done very quickly but not here in the US. So he has not even been able to begin any medication. He has not been able to go to work nor attend any of his classes in person. This disease will require a lifetime of health care for him but we know God is in control and this is not a surprise for Him. Please pray for Caden. Pray that we can get the necessary tests done soon. Pray that he can get the medication that he needs. Some of the medications are very new with a lot of side effects, but the doctor wants to be aggressive with the treatment once it starts to get him into remission as quickly as possible. Pray also that God would provide for this as the cost will certainly reach the deductible. In all, our medical bills will be over \$9,000. Our home church has sent us \$5,000 to help with the costs. Would you consider helping as well? You all have been so generous over the last few years with our building program in Chile and I certainly do not like asking again, but we need your help. Any funds can be sent through BIMl, acct #1068, marked as "medical help". Thank you for all that you do for us. Clifton & Tiffany Booth

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