

Prayers answered...

God has been so good to us. You may recall from our last letter that we had several medical needs. I would like to update you on those needs as well as our return to the field. I am very happy to say that I have made it back to Chile. And it's been an interesting return. First of all, the Chilean leadership did a wonderful job during our absence. There are even a few new faces in the congregation! Many in the church are talking about and asking prayer for those to whom they are witnessing. It is so joyful to see the church move forward without the presence of the missionary.

However, just a few days after our arrival, we received a message form our daughter that Caden, our youngest with Crohn's, was not doing well. As the days progressed, he got progressively worse. He ended up losing twelve pounds in two weeks and considering how small he already was, this was a big concern. He had been bedridden the whole time and throwing up so he hadn't consumed any food in almost two weeks. We decided that Tiffany needed to make an emergency return and fortunately, we had enough miles to get her a free round trip ticket. When she arrived, she talked with the doctor, and they quickly did some lab work. When the results came back, the doctor called and she to take him to the ER immediately. There, it was determined that he needed to be hospitalized. During his stay in the hospital, more tests were done, and it was discovered that the new medicine that he had been taking was not working. From the outside, it appeared as though it was working because of the steroids that he was on as well. As the steroids decreased, the internal inflammation began to grow and impacted one of his internal organs which was causing the vomiting. He was in the hospital for several days and Tiffany stayed with him the whole time. They increased the steroids to get the inflammation under control and are going to try a different medicine which is incredibly expensive and requires pre-approval from the insurance. Once again, God answered our prayers, and the insurance has approved medicine. The first three doses must be given intravenously, once a month for three months. Afterwards, it is a bi-monthly injection that he will have to administer himself. We are so grateful to God that Tiffany was able to make the return trip to help him through this difficult time. We are also extremely grateful to you for all the extra financial help that many have sent. When I wrote the last letter, I had no idea that Caden would end up in the hospital for several days, but God did. Please continue to pray for Caden's health. His first infusion is scheduled to happen in the next few days, and this medicine does present the risk of side effects. Pray that all would go well. Pray that God would continue to provide. Pray that Tiffany will have a safe trip back to Chile. Please pray also as I, and eventually Tiffany, get back into the ministry side of things here in Chile and pray that we would continue to see souls come to Christ.

Back in Chile,

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