



## SURGERY UPDATE - MARCH 2026

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

**Thank you for praying for Tricia and for the many expressions of kindness and generosity shown to our family. We have been deeply encouraged by the care many of you have shown through both prayer and support during this challenging season.**

Tricia's surgery took place this past Wednesday. The surgeon is pleased with her initial recovery, and she was released from the hospital and we returned home to Uruguay Friday evening.

As expected, she is experiencing significant swelling, bruising, and pain from the procedure. Part of her face is currently numb as well. However, we are already thankful to see that the headaches and dizziness and other issues the tumour had been causing appear to have subsided. **Praise the Lord!**

**During the operation, the surgeon discovered something that had not been visible on the scans.** The tumour had broken and displaced part of Tricia's orbital bone and had grown around the nerve that runs through that bone. The surgeon carefully removed the tumour from around the nerve, but because of how involved it was, they are not yet certain how the nerve will respond. We are praying that the feeling in her face will fully return as healing progresses.

The tumour appeared to be slow-growing, which gives us reason to be hopeful that it is not cancerous. The tissue that was removed has been sent for biopsy, and Tricia will receive the results when she returns to Argentina for her follow-up appointment at the end of the month.

**We would appreciate your continued prayers for:**

- a smooth and complete recovery from surgery
- the return of feeling in her face
- favourable biopsy results

Thank you again for standing with us through your prayers and encouragement.

**Yours for Uruguay,**

Marco & Tricia Paulichen

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