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Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for the many letters, cards, flowers and notes to Dotty and me assuring us of your prayers and even expressing sympathy for what she has been experiencing. To answer the question of many who have asked regarding the pain medicine, she has only taken Tylenol 3 times a day since the second day after the operation. The pain that Dotty has been having is considered minimum since then. Most of the discomfort she is having is down in the right knee area. When she mentioned it to the doctor, his comment was, "Mam, you just are starting to get over an operation and you are doing great!" I want to confirm again that he did the complete hip replacement without cutting any muscles or tendons. Our daughter, Beverly, came to help during those first 10 days, for which we are grateful.

Dotty had been using a walker most of the time, and occasionally she would venture off without it. Tuesday afternoon, November 7, she had her post-op exam with her surgeon, Dr. Ronald Hayter. He assured us that she could go home from the rehab center. The next battle was to convince that "rehab business" that she was ready to leave the nest. Thursday morning she was dismissed and got into my car all by herself and we headed those 2 short miles home. What a relief to be back home once again! It's taking a few adjustments, but everything is progressing very well.

The in-home nurse and physical and occupational therapists assured us that she needed to walk and walk and walk. We do that "special therapy" at the local Walmart and Sam's Club. She is doing unbelievably well and far ahead of her proposed schedule according to the therapist. The physical therapist comes 3 times a week and the others have discontinued for she is far beyond what they normally do to help a patient recover their normal way of life. Praise the Lord for answered prayer and thank you for all that you have done through your special time given to prayer on her behalf.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ give you a wonderful Thanksgiving and blessed time with your family and friends. We are looking forward to giving thanks with our hearts filled with gratitude and praise for all He has done. I would like to apply the following Psalm 107:28-31 to both Dotty and myself at this time: "²⁸ Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. ²⁹ He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. ³⁰ Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. ³¹ Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

We are most grateful to you and to the Lord for His wonderful working in our lives. Thank you once again for your prayer and financial support. May the Lord richly bless you during this special Thanksgiving season.

Sincerely in Christ,

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