

*The Lord's mercies...
are new every morning;
Great is Thy faithfulness!*

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Dear Praying Friends,

As I mentioned in my last letter that we are faced with new challenges each day as we truly “trust in the Lord with all (our) heart; and lean not unto (our) own understanding.” For sure He is directing our paths, not in the direction that we would desire, but we accept from the Lord whatever is filtered down through His hands to us for the future.

As we are advancing in years I read once that “old age is not for sissies.” Dotty’s health continues to digress which has brought continued challenges. Our daughter, Beverly, came from South Carolina to have a timely visit with us. On August 26, I went to the gym for some much-needed exercise and as I was entering the door Beverly called with an urgent sound in her voice telling me that Dotty was having a stroke. I hurried home and rushed her to the nearby hospital. The doctors and nurses carefully showed that urgent concern and administered the needed tests and treatment. The results show that it must have been a TIA and it showed that she had suffered many strokes in the past. On the afternoon of Friday, August 30, she was transferred to Westchester Gardens Rehab where they are lovingly caring for her. On Wednesday she had another TIA which has left her weaker still. She is confused and really lacks understanding as to what has happened. I thank God that Beverly was here for those two weeks to help me through these most difficult times. She was a real blessing!

I lovingly continue to take care of Dotty in every way that I can in my limited capacity. I have stayed 7 to 9 hours with her every day at the rehab to help her in any way I can by feeding her, etc. You can probably imagine with dementia devastating her mind she is getting agitated easily. Many, both in Latin American countries and here in the United States, are praying for her, and again I ask you to pray for Dotty. She really doesn’t understand what is happening and it is extremely default for her to assimilate it all. They are giving her much-needed therapy each day. I will have a special meeting with the “care plan team” on September 18th when her future treatments will be discussed. Our health insurance covers her in the Rehab until September 18, after which I will be paying \$160 per day for the next 100 days for her care there.

Again I am applying the passage to myself in Isaiah 40:31 as it so beautifully and vividly stated— “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Thank you for praying for us! Dotty is in the best hands— the Lord Jesus Christ! Many have given me council to take care of myself — which I am trying to do. I go to the gym every morning to walk a mile or two and ride the stationary bike for 3 miles. Our health insurance covers that program.

Thank you for praying for these special needs that we have each day as we rest upon the Lord Jesus Christ for strength and real wisdom. Please, continual to pray that the doctors and therapist will have real wisdom as they help Dotty. Thank you again for supporting us through your prayers and monthly giving. May God richly bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Myron & Dotty

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