



THE LANCASTERS

MINISTERING TO THE AMERICAN MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

We have learned in these past months that God does all things for our good and for His glory! Great lessons of faith and trust can be learned in times of testing. God has given His peace through the events of this year and we are grateful.

Here is a brief update on my health. At the present, I am still in treatment with two orthopedic surgeons and a pain management specialist. The pain specialist has told us that I have what is called, "Complex Regional Pain Syndrome". They believe that this originated from the two severe cases of cellulitis that I had years ago. I have seven discs in my spine that are bad. The fusions have helped, but I have developed some bone spurs in my neck. The knee surgeon says that I have arthritis and a small meniscus tear in my left knee. The plan right now looks like they will do surgery on my knee and he is hopeful that it will relieve some pain. If it does not, then they will implant a stimulator in my spine. I am scheduled for a bone scan this week to just make sure there is no infection in my bone that would be causing the severe pain.

I have had the joy of preaching in some churches recently. Two churches in the Chattanooga area, two different Bible colleges, a church in Mississippi, one in the Atlanta area and one in Alabama. I so enjoy preaching the Word of God!

Many are asking what our plans are now that we have turned the work at Grace Baptist in Wiesbaden over to Pastor Skillen. There are some opportunities that we are praying carefully about. In the next few weeks, I will be talking with my advisors and our mission board about what direction the Lord wants us to go. I have told BIM I will make this decision by the end of December. We are anxious to get busy in the work again! I am having to come to the realization that I may have to move forward with some limitations that may be permanent. I guess it is more of a mental adjustment for me than physical. I have always been used to being able to build, climb and lift and I have got to realize some limitations.

Please pray with us about several things:

1. Pray that the simple knee surgery will relieve the pain.
2. Pray for God to direct us and give us peace about our future.
3. Pray for God to increase my burden for the lost.
4. Pray for us to be an encouragement to the churches we are in.
5. Pray for God to supply the needs of the thousands of dollars of medical bills that have come in.

We are so grateful for those who have faithfully prayed for us and continued to support us through these days of waiting. We are trying to get into a number of churches in the next few months. If you could use us, please let me know. We are humbled and thankful for your love and care for our family.

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May the Lord richly bless you,

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