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your Missionaries
to the
Island of Mindanao
in the
Philippines

Mindanao



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Dear Praying Family, Friends, and Pastors,

“O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.” Psalms 34:8

As a child of God, we know God blesses even in unexpected situations and answers prayers many time before we ask. Many times our faith wavers and we don't have a clear vision of what God is doing, but we know He is working all things to our good. That is what we have seen and experienced in the last two weeks.

On Tuesday, February 16, I went to see a doctor as I had been experiencing some heart palpitations. After she examined me, she ordered me to go directly to the hospital to be admitted for observation of my heart. After several hours of filling out paper work, blood drawings, shots, starting an IV, and starting oxygen, I finally arrived at my room. Over the course of the next three days our faith was challenged: new doctor in a foreign land, a hospital experience that was very old fashioned, and an altogether unknown outcome of my lab tests.

Sometimes when we face uncertainties, it is like Joseph when he says in Gen 50:20 that his brothers did evil to him, but God meant it for good to save them later on. This is the situation in which we found ourselves. God gave Beth and I peace as we entered this new situation. We know that only God himself gives peace that passeth all understanding.

The doctors, lab techs, and nurses were constantly monitoring me through the night. That night (Tuesday) and for the next two nights, Beth went home in the evening and a young man, who I have mentioned before, a single male staff worker, Jose Paulo (known to us as Epoi) spent the nights attending to my every move. (There is no buzzer system to call the nurse so you are allowed two people to watch you which we call the “watchers”) Beth spent the day-time hours with me and brought meals, and Epoi continued to spend the nights with me. The next day Wednesday, the results of some of the lab tests were in and the doctor said I was dealing with possible thyroid problem which was causing the heart palpitations, but there was no sign of a heart attack. The next day an ultrasound did reveal an enlarged prostate. My heart rate went down, which was the main issue for the admittance to the hospital, and I was discharged with several medications, on Friday, February 19, 2021.

All in all, we are blessed to have people who care about us. We are grateful for all those that drove Beth to and from the pharmacy, and took her home daily to prepare meals and all the other errands that they did. God is so good. They were such a blessing. Jehovah Jireh!!!!!!

So, what exactly does this mean to a 72 year old couple on the mission field?

FIRST of all, we know God called us here and we are here to stay as long as the Lord will allow. We are seeking God's wisdom in all our decisions.

SECONDLY of all, Westside Baptist College of Ministries (WBCM) is transitioning to our mission work in Molave. Because of our age, and recent health issues and at the advice of Missionary Bruce Rice, with whom we have worked for 11 years, we decided it was best for us to stay here in Dipolog and continue serving at Westside Baptist Church in the ministries here. God is still moving and working in the lives of the people here. We are seeing a new zeal of involvement of the church people since the lockdown and it has been such a blessing to watch them take over and teach Sunday school classes as well as the weekly adult Bible studies.

THIRDLY, due to my recent hospitalization and during that time discovering the issues involved with my heart, we will be seeking God's will regarding our future. When we do take furlough in a year or two we will be going to our doctors and seeking for answers and looking for their advice as to what we can do. If any of you reading this letter please feel free to share your thoughts with us.

I am not back to normal yet, but my heart rate has improved over the last week for which we praise the Lord. I am presently teaching a Sunday school class and will soon be teaching in the Bible institute. I am continuing to gain strength each day. Beth makes sure I stay away from extra salt and fatty foods. That is not an easy job, but I am trying my best to follow a new diet.

Thank you for your faithful financial and prayer support. May God bless you as you continue in your ministries to which God has called you.

Yours for Souls in the Philippines,

Dan and Beth