Your Missionaries in South Korea

The Hoffman Family



Prayer Request for Missionary Barry Hoffman

Dear friends,

A little over three weeks ago, our father was splitting firewood on his day off. For someone who weight trains every morning, it was simply another workout. However, this time, it left his back sorer than usual, and as the days passed, the pain worsened. Two weeks later, he had to go to the ER because he was unable to move at all, and the pain was excruciating. With little relief, doctors informed us that he has a severe disc issue. After consulting with several doctors, Dad decided to pursue a non-surgical treatment plan. He has spent the past week on his back, allowing his body to heal and recover on its own. During this time, he has devoted himself to prayer and study but continues to experience unbearable pain.

Please join us in prayer:

- Pray for his healing, pain management, and guidance in finding the right back specialist.
- Pray for our mother's strength and endurance as she cares for him while continuing to teach first and second grade full-time.
- Pray for Samuel as he takes on our father's roles in both the church and school, in addition to his own responsibilities.

We are grateful that the church is just minutes from our parents' home, allowing our mother to check on him during her breaks. We also thank God for a doctor in our church who has been able to help during the most painful moments. Additionally, we are blessed to have not only our immediate family but also our church family, who have come alongside us with support and encouragement during this difficult time.

Our father does not take his calling in the ministry lightly. He gives his all—and then some—in everything he does. This time of being still has been especially difficult for him. Though he may feel helpless and useless, we trust that God is working all things for our good and His glory.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer.

With gratitude,

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It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.