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Dearest Friends and Prayer Warriors,

Today I am also writing a prayer letter update to follow but we have an immediate and urgent prayer need to share with you.

We were in the U.S. for Christmas and to preach in some mission conferences and left in late January to return to Botswana. Shortly before we left the U.S. Cindy developed a bout of bronchitis. She has struggled with it most of her life and is especially affected by cold wintry weather. After ten weeks the persistent cough just wouldn't clear up and kept getting worse so a few days ago we travelled to South Africa in hopes of seeing a pulmonary specialist. This led to a day in the ER, a full range of testing and xrays and a CT scan of her lungs. A large mass, several nodules, and small blood clots were found in her right lung with a small "spattering" of nodules found in her left lung. The mass is significantly blocking an airway which is causing violent coughing, chronic shortness of breath, a build up of phlegm and consequently a case of pneumonia. The mass and everything associated with it has to be surgically removed. After it is removed it will be tested for cancer with the doctors stating that they are about 80% sure that it will be cancerous. On Tuesday of this coming week Cindy will undergo an invasive surgery to remove about 20% of her right lung. The doctors have reassured us that the removal of a portion of her lung will not affect the quality of her life and either way the mass has to be removed. The issue of greater concern is of course, the prospects of cancer. The doctor, whom we have great confidence in and appreciation for, was very honest and frank to say to us, "I don't want to give you false hope, it's bad." Please pray with us that:

- God will be glorified and our Lord Jesus magnified
- Cindy will be comforted by the Lord's abiding presence
- Cindy and I (Mike) will be strengthened for the journey ahead and that our faith will be exemplary
- The Lord will literally "move" through the hands of the surgeon to skillfully remove all that is harmful in any way from her lungs
- That, according to God's will and wisdom, which we fully trust, the mass will be non-cancerous.
- If cancer is appointed to us that we will find God's grace to be sufficient in and for all things.
- For God's peace to sustain all of us - our family, friends, and prayer partners.

We want to testify and share with you how God's grace has already abounded towards us in so many ways. In South Africa, we went to the nearest hospital to where we were staying only looking for a pulmonary specialist. Unbeknownst to us this hospital is one of if not the best oncology (cancer) specialist hospitals in South Africa. South Africa is very blessed with exceptional doctors and tremendous medical care. The cancer doctor is renowned and has treated other missionaries that we know personally. The Emergency Room doctor, a younger woman, was a born again Christian and spent the entire day tending to Cindy as if she were her own mother. For some months Shane and Emily have been "stuck" waiting in South Africa and left wondering why they could not get Emily's South African permit resolved which would clear the way for them to leave for their ministry in the DRC. Now we know the "why." They have been right here at our side and helping immensely with transportation, insurance paperwork, and of course, the presence of having them here for encouragement. So true to His Word - the Lord knows our needs even before we ask and we give Him all the glory. Thank you for lifting us up in prayer!! We love and appreciate you all and will post updates as soon as possible.

Looking unto Jesus!

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