

UPDATE ON CINDY HALEY SURGERY & LUNG CANCER



Dearest Friends,

Tuesday April 28, 2026

Words cannot convey our affections for you, the expressions of your love, and the untold number of prayers on our behalf. We have felt God's strength and presence with us from the very outset of this trial. As many of you know well, dealing with cancer is a physical, spiritual, and emotional "journey" and we feel blessed to have so many loving people walking this road with us. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:9b: ***Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*** Cindy is bearing the brunt of things physically but together we are of one mind and heart. Our desire is for God to be glorified, the gospel to be furthered, and for the perfecting of our faith, that which God desires to do in us through this trial, to be accomplished. We have found great confidence in the Word of God and have experienced great comfort and consolation from you!

As of Tuesday April 28: We have been back in Botswana for eight days and are currently waiting for insurance approvals, further testing of the cancerous mass, and the scheduling of a PET scan. The testing results will determine the specific mutation of the cancer, whether it has spread to other parts of the body and what type of follow up treatment is needed. Here's the timeline for those who may not have known:

- April 1 – During a trip to the ER in South Africa a CT scan revealed a mass in Cindy's lung
- April 2 – We met with the surgeon who recommended a pulmonary resection
- April 7-14 - Surgery – Half of Cindy's right lung was removed and a weeks recovery in ICU
- April 14 – Discharged from hospital to stay in a local Airbnb for further recovery till travel home possible
- April 16-20 – Readmitted to hospital for four days with low blood pressure and a blood clot
- April 20 – Met with oncologist / Released from hospital / Drove home to Botswana (a surprise!)
- After our meeting with the oncologist she, the surgeon, and the heart doctor all agreed that Cindy was safe to travel home to Botswana which we were not yet expecting. Cindy was homesick as they come so we wasted no time, got discharged from the hospital in record time and hit the road. This gave her a chance to spend some time with visiting friends who were here in Botswana and I told her that she was officially on "a holiday" from cancer. She's still very sore but has done remarkably well and we're all thankful to have Mom Cindy back around.

Trials and afflictions give us a fresh opportunity to experience God's power and grace in unusual ways and we could write a book full of amazing testimonies. Most recently was that "certain" nurse amongst so many who took the time to visit and pray with Cindy. And the fact that the blood clot passed cleanly through her heart and lodged in a "safe" place in her lung with no danger of it going to the brain. During much of this time we had a visiting group and Pastor Bob Reno from the U.S. with us on a mission trip to Botswana for ten days. They were so amazing, such a blessing, and just "carried on" when I couldn't be around. Last Wednesday night after church we took them into the shopping mall for ice cream and on coming out found the back window of my truck broken out and my travel bag stolen. It had my passport, laptop, agenda, a significant amount of money, and most concerning was CINDY'S WEDDING RINGS – that she had given me for safe keeping during the surgery. I was crushed and was so disappointed in myself at having left the bag in the car. In humble desperation I sat on a curb and prayed that SOMEHOW those irreplaceable things could be recovered especially for Cindy's sake. Within an hour the bag was found underneath some stairs beside a building. Cash was gone but EVERYTHING ELSE was still there – even the laptop and especially the wedding rings. This is nothing short of a miraculous

display of God's grace. Psalm 34:6 – ***This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.***

PLEASE PRAY SPECIFICALLY:

- The cancer mutation will be of the type that can be treated with immunotherapy. What we know now is that the cancer is non-small cell (best of two scenarios) but that it has acted aggressively
- It is our hope that it has not spread to other areas of the body and that we get a clean PET scan. If the cancer has spread pray that it will respond well to treatment.

We have not mentioned any financial need as we were not sure what that would be beyond what our insurance will cover. But many of you sent gracious love offerings without even being asked and others have asked how best to give. Again, we're astounded and so thankful for your love and consideration. We don't know what all lies ahead but we'll know a lot more in a few weeks once treatment options are decided upon. We have good insurance and initially it looks like the greatest expense will be travel back and forth to South Africa and accommodations while there. Your gifts have met our immediate needs thus far and made it possible for me to focus on Cindy and the ministry here in Botswana. I can't stress what that means to me personally.

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This medical update is being sent along with our monthly ministry report and prayer letter. The Lord has blessed in so many ways!! Please don't miss reading that letter. There have been some precious souls saved recently and an abundance of work and progress has taken place already this year. God who knows and orchestrates every part of our life knew this trial would come. By faith and by the grace of God – we're pressing on and looking up!

Mike Haley