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*Keeping in Touch*

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So many of you have prayed for us over the years and so we have a prayer request for you. Today, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, I went to the Swedish Hospital in Issaquah, WA for the 1<sup>st</sup> of five weeks of radiation treatments for my spinal tumor. In my spinal operation of Feb, 2020, they were only able to drain the large cyst but couldn't do anything with the tumor. It left me with severe tingling and numbness in my right leg up to my hip and subsequent MRIs indicated that the tumor was slowly growing and would sooner or later block my spinal column. Several oncologists recommended the radiation treatment as the only treatment to stop the tumor from growing. Pray for us as the Lord brings us to mind.

I'm sure glad the Lord inspired John to write the words of Revelations 21:4, *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."* Amen!

As a good friend of mine has said numerous times, growing old isn't for sissies. I'm glad the Lord lets me walk, drive and cut the grass!

**Al & Helga**