

## Just to let you know

## Three recent blessings

Our Dear Friend,

I would think that at some point in my Christian lives I would finally have it all figured out, that I should know the devil's tactics, or that I should recognize how deceitful my heart truly is. Yet, sadly, there are many times where Satan gets the upper hand in my life or I grow complacent and forget the wickedness of my heart until it overtakes me. So often it seems that after great victories, Satan revs up the attacks. I know that within the past week or so, I have seen so many of those attacks begin. My father had his eye blown out, a wonderful lady in our church was diagnosed with cancer, our pastor's kids were in a bad car wreck (that about two weeks ago, I believe, and thank the Lord everyone was okay), a sister of a missionary friend of mine was kicked in the face by a horse, my cell phone started having issues, and my wife got sick. "But God who is rich in mercy..." reminds me of who He is and what He has done. He reminds me that He has already won the victory! I don't write this to complain; in fact, I know that you have your own struggles that you deal with. Missionaries are not the only ones with struggles or discouragement, and we are certainly not the only ones that Satan attacks. Satan attacks anyone that is trying to serve Jesus. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thessalonians 5:18) Through the Holy Spirit we can obey this command. The attacks of Satan may not disappear right away, but our view of God will become bigger, and that will result in victory! When Satan attacks, bow the knee and draw closer to God.

On that note of giving thanks, let me share with you three wonderful things in our life that we want to thank the Lord for! First, let me update you on my dad. Dad was able to fly home from North Dakota on Saturday. They had easy flights back, praise the Lord. He is looking very good, all things considering. Some of the medications that he is on are making him feel a little ill, but other than that he seems to be doing well. He was able to make it to the evening service at our church last night! Also, this morning my parents began the process of trying to obtain referrals to go see eye specialists. In order to do so, he had to see his primary care doctor. This normally takes some time to get into the doctors office and begin the process. When they called his doctor this morning the office asked if Dad could be there about 30 minutes later! Praise the Lord how He works things out. Thank you for your prayers for my dad. He still has a long way to go, but he is doing better than he should be. Time forbids me to tell you of all the amazing things that God has done for my dad in the past few days, but just know that because of your prayers God worked in Dad's life. Please continue to pray for him.

Secondly, as you know, Sarah and I are expecting a baby. We had asked you to be in prayer for the baby's health since I have a history of heart problems as well as a cleft lip and palate. This past Thursday, we found out that we have a baby girl on the way! Furthermore, there are no signs of a cleft or heart problems. We have a more in-depth heart appointment on July 24. Thank you for your continued prayers. Sarah and I are beyond excited to be parents, and we count it a privilege and blessing from the Lord!

The third thing that Sarah and I would like to praise the Lord for is the fact that we are now at 50% of our needed support! Praise God! We are praying that the Lord would show us His perfect timing and wisdom for when He wants us to leave. Our girl is due in late November, so we are looking to be able to leave somewhere around April or so. We believe that God is abundantly able to provide! We give Him all praise for allowing us to reach this milestone.

Thank you for your friendship and prayers. We are grateful to be in this together with you. As always, please let us know how we can be in prayer for you. Continue to serve Jesus!

Until the Islands Know Him Josh, Sarah, and Baby Girl Romans 15:21 Click Here to Let Us Know How We Can Pray for You!

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