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Dear Praying Friends,

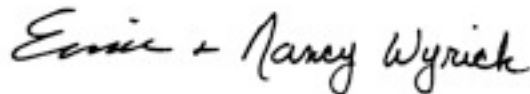
As many of you know, Nancy and I arrived back in Delta Junction on September 11, 2013. We praise the Lord for His many blessings. When we arrived in Delta it was over a week before we spent a full 24 hours in Delta between traveling back and forth to Fairbanks visiting individuals in the hospital and going to doctor appointments for ourselves. We praise the Lord that winter has held off for the most part. We have had some snow, but thankfully it has come and gone and the temperature has not fallen below zero yet.

Since our return to Delta, the Lord has given us the opportunity to start a Bible study at the Quality Care Assisted Living Center. One of the shut-ins that we have been visiting for almost two years had a medical emergency shortly after we left. She spent some time in the hospital and then in an assisted living center in North Pole. In August, Quality Care opened here in Delta and Kathy moved there in late August. Please pray with us that the door will stay open and that we will continue to have a Bible study there and that the cults, which are many in Delta, will keep away. We ask that you please keep the church in your prayers. There are so many that are struggling with sickness and financial needs. Please pray that souls will be saved and Christians strengthened.

We praise the Lord that Nancy's heart valve checkup came back with no change. The doctor recommends another checkup in a year. He also recommended that she have routine blood work. On September 21st we went to the health fair and we both had blood tests. The following evening, the lab called and told Nancy that her white blood count was very high. They told her to call her doctor as soon as possible. Monday morning Nancy called and they told us to come to Fairbanks as soon as we could. We drove the 100 miles to the doctor where they repeated the blood tests. The results were the same and they referred her to an oncologist. After further tests as well as a trip to the ER, Nancy has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML). It is an uncommon type of cancer of the blood cells. The term "chronic" indicates that this cancer tends to progress more slowly than acute forms of leukemia. We praise the Lord that it was found and that the Lord has supplied the right doctors at the right place and time. They have jumped right on this and have been doing everything they can to help. There is a drug to help control the disease. Unfortunately the insurance company could not help much with the cost due to our deductible. But we praise the Lord that there is a foundation that assists patients with their copay. Instead of paying \$5,000, we will only have to pay \$100 each month for the drug. When we first heard the cost, we knew we would not be able to afford it. But we would trust the Lord. Since day one, there have been hundreds, if not more, praying. Then when we were told of the medicine cost, we asked for more prayer. The next day the pharmacist at the cancer center called and told us that our insurance would not help much but she would try another route. She called later with instructions for applying for aid. By the end of the day, we had been approved for the funding. The Lord has answered so many prayers and has worked everything out at just the right time. Our prayer through all of this remains that God will be glorified. Our desire is to praise Him no matter what happens and to never forget that He is in control and His desire for us is that we will become more like Him. Psalm 9:1 "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works."

We appreciate all of you for what you have done and are doing for us - from the prayers to financial support. We ask that you especially keep us in prayer as we will be traveling back and forth to Fairbanks, a 200 mile round trip every week for the first month so that they can keep check on the blood count. Feel free to call or write for updates on Nancy's progress. Thanks again for all the prayers

Your missionaries,



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