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“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.” Psalm 43:5

Greetings from Delta Junction, Alaska. Some of you received an email update a few weeks back, but I wanted to get a letter out to everyone. The last month has been challenging. I was referred to a neuromuscular specialist in Seattle which we saw on August 19. A few days after getting back to Alaska, I was diagnosed with COVID. After suffering with a severe case, I was then diagnosed with a sinus infection and possible bronchial pneumonia. With my preexisting breathing issues, getting through this has been very difficult, for sure. But we rejoice that God has been there through it all and have the assurance that everything has a place and a purpose, and that none of it has surprised God. We just want to glorify Him through it all no matter what may come our way. It is our desire to be that witness to the many around us that have no hope and an encouragement to those that are struggling with needs of their own. But the only way we can do that is to focus totally upon God and get our eyes off the trials. I wish that I could say that I have done that continually, but I cannot. But with His help, I am striving to reach the point where I can just rest in Him knowing that He understands what I am going through and cares all about it. I can hope in Him and praise Him. May my life glorify Him always and never the trials of life.

Nancy and I appreciate all your prayers and words of encouragement. It is a blessing the way some people are always there for us. No matter what it may be that we are going through at the time, there are certain individuals that always respond to a letter, email or text update from us. They always respond with a word of encouragement and let us know that they are praying for us. What a blessing it is to hear from them, especially when we know they are struggling with their own needs as well. May God help me to be that type of person that can overlook my own problems and see the needs of others first. Nancy and I strive to do that here because there are so many struggling. We know that only God can help them and we must show them that there is something better and that Jesus Christ is the only answer.

By our having a small part in the first responder organizations here, we often meet people when they are going through the worst time of their lives. God gives us opportunities to minister and show His wonderful love that we might not have at any other time. May God help us to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to open our eyes to opportunities to be a witness and an encouragement to those around us.

We praise the Lord for all He has done and is doing, even though we have not received the answers to what is causing all the health problems. We thank Him that they have ruled out some things for which there is currently no cure. We know that God knows the answer, and if it be His will, He will make it known in His time. We will just trust Him.

Please pray for Nancy as well. She had some blood work done recently that showed a drop in kidney function. Taking the leukemia medicine for 11 years and a recent antibiotic seems to have affected her kidneys. We are trusting the Lord that her numbers will improve with her next blood test. We desire your prayers that if it be the Lord's will, I can get totally over this cough and sinus infection that came on after COVID and get back to health. There are so many things that need to be done before winter, and I desire to be able to help others with their pre-winter projects as well.

We appreciate all of you and your faithful prayers and support. Please keep the people of Delta Junction in prayer and the ministry that God has so wonderfully given us the opportunity to be a part of here. Please continue to pray for Pastor Cliff and Great Land Baptist Church, as well as the First Responders. Much has changed over the past few months. Several new medics have moved into the area and the spiritual need is great among so many in the emergency services.

We love you all and appreciate you very much.

In His service,

Ernie + Nancy Wyrick