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Dear Friends,



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Recently we received a get-well card with brief personal notes from a nearby church. It was encouraging to know folks were praying for us. A table in the foyer has “praying for you” and get well cards to be sent to people in the community who are going through difficult times. Such expression of concern may be just the tool God uses to prompt someone to visit, since they already know people care about their well-being. In our last letter you were challenged to examine your circle of contacts. Perhaps *this* simple gesture—*sending a card*—might be something else you could implement in your efforts to reach out into your community.

The past few weeks life has been moving in the fast lane here in quiet Newfield. Here’s a brief recap. In April Dorothy was diagnosed with leukemia, in May with breast cancer, then had cancer surgery June 21. The cancer was removed and had not spread, praise God! A week later, as she was recovering, we both went to the ER, where it was determined Ed had a heart attack. Because of the location and calcification of the blockage, it was not possible to insert a stent. So Ed came home July 1 with new meds—a blood thinner and vaso-dilator—as the best treatment option for now. Next on the agenda is a radiology appointment tomorrow (nice birthday present:-) and cardiology appointment July 18. Thus we adjust to a “new normal” and experience God’s grace in new ways.

Our daughter and family were able to come up last week to provide great help cooking during the heat wave, doing yard work and sharing grandchild therapy—definitely good medicine! Jon and family came July 4 and also did some work for us. The kids enjoyed a water balloon fight and rare cousin time, as Grandparent Week had to be cancelled this year.

Colossians 1:11 has been obviously operative--“Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.” Thanks be to the Father for His care in so many ways! We are grateful for your prayers, cards, calls, emails, and texts. Our Tab church family and neighbors provided meals and visits, and God also moved some folks to give special gifts to help with medical expenses. His blessings continue to flow!

Please pray for (1) continued healing, strength, effective treatments; (2) our ESL students as they witness faith in action during a crisis, (3) several who will be returning to China in the next couple of months, (4) our fall schedule and new ESL students, and (5) continued opportunities to share the Word with a growing circle of medical contacts.

The peace of God which passes all understanding has garrisoned our hearts and minds, and we are inexpressibly grateful.

In Our Father’s Strong Arms,

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