

The Messer Message

August 19, 2008

Dear Friends Who Pray,

Hi. Thank you for praying for Rebecca (a lady from one of our churches) and for us during this time. I went to see her this morning and she is doing a little bit better. She is just so thin. You can see all her bones clearly. She is still taking the TB treatment even though her skin test was negative—it could have been done wrong—who knows. The TB Doctor said that he feels sure that this is her problem. He also believes that the hospital did a test on some of the fluid that they removed from her abdominal cavity. We shall check and see. If they did a test on it, WHY did we never see the results of that test? Anyhow, she seems to be doing a little better, but is still so very weak and skinny. We appreciate your continued prayers for her and her family. Also, please pray for us to have wisdom as to how to help them without causing them to be dependent on us.

Also, please continue to pray for Andy. He feels good some days and then bad again. We think he may have a bit of asthma - which I think is provoked by dust and mold. He has been exposed to stuff (belongings of other missionaries) that has been in storage for several years out here—heat, humidity=mold. We are trying to get the stuff gone and he is trying to drink extra water... I just notice that when he is busy and does not drink the extra water, he has tightness with his breathing. Pray for us to have wisdom to take care of our own bodies even as we try to help those around us. Pray for strength for each day. This has been a really faith-stretching year for us—that's the upbeat way of saying it's been super hard! God is giving us strength, courage, wisdom and help. We are learning to rely on Him.

Thank you so much to you are faithful friends. Sometimes it may feel that we are in this alone, but we know we are not. We know the Lord is here with us each moment of each day. We also know that you are there praying for us.

The church is doing well here. We are seeing growth. The leaders are taking more responsibility and showing a real desire to grow spiritually. Bible School will begin again very soon—in a week or so. Home School will begin again soon as well—this week or next. We are just trying to squeeze in some rest before it all gets rolling again.

Much Love in the Lord,
Andy and Becky

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