



The Koon's Australia

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

This is Melanie Koon. I am writing this letter on behalf of Tim. He is unable to do very much, currently.

In our last letter, Tim had mentioned that he had been very sick. The Doctor told us that he would need to recuperate for 6 months. We decided then that we needed to return to the US for a medical furlough. We did so and arrived in the US in July.

We had been back for just about 3 weeks, and the day after our 25th wedding anniversary on August 7, Tim had a brain stem stroke. That was on August 8. We didn't realize at the time that it was a stroke because it mimicked the same symptoms of medicine related issues and the prolonged side effects of the earlier sickness in Australia.

He was rushed to the hospital, paralyzed on his right side. After CT and MRI scans, it was determined that he had suffered a stroke on the left side at the base of the brain stem. Tim spent almost 4 weeks in the hospital and at the time of this letter, he is now home recovering. He has outpatient therapy 4 times each week. Although still paralyzed on his right side, he is making slow progress and is now able to walk short distances in a walker each day.

Many people have asked if there is anything they can do to help. Right now we need prayer. The Doctor has said that it will take a long time to recover but to expect 80-100% recovery. There are times when we have both felt overwhelmed but we know God is in control. We both lean on the promise of Romans 8:28.

We are looking forward to the future. We know that God has a purpose and he is using Tim to spread God's love to others. I saw him on a number of occasions talk to people while in the hospital. One of these was a young lady named Amanda. She has had 2 strokes in the last 12 months and has recently had brain surgery. She is 28 years old with 2 children.

Please continue to pray for his recovery as well as for finances as we endure this challenge. We have new commitments such as medicine and on going health costs.

Once again, we appreciate your faithful support and we are thankful for your prayers and thoughtfulness. God bless you all as you continue to minister for Him!

Servants,

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