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Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

God is our joy and strength. He has blessed us even through times of afflictions and trials. We love him and his word, the Bible. It is exciting to see how God changes lives, including our own. When we see people all around us so blinded and struggling without God, we are burdened and anxious to reach out with the truth and serenity that only comes through Him.

I praise the Lord for my two successful hip surgeries both completed this year. I have enjoyed a more fulfilled life physically. I am so very grateful to God to not have to depend on walkers and canes for getting around any more. I can do a man's day's work now.

Two months ago, the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, our son, Tim, was paralyzed on his right side with a stroke at the base of his brain. They had only returned from Australia as missionaries the month before. They were not even settled into a house when this happened. We have been involved with them, their children, and their needs since that time. We praise God for Tim's continued progress through several therapy sessions each week. Melanie has had a full time job caring for him in his struggles to regain the use of his right arm and leg. We have helped and continue to be available as his condition improves. Just last week he walked 100 feet with the aid of two canes. In his words, he said it was "scary". We continue to pray for his complete rehabilitation. Please pray with us that he will be fully healed.

Joyce also has had quite a set back physically. In mid-August she mentioned that her chest hurt. This complaint continued with no let up until she scheduled a mammogram to check things out. It came back all clear, but the pain continued and grew much more intense. Finally, on a Sunday night in September, I took her to the ER to get some help. We were there 6 hours during which she was tested for a host of possible conditions. In the end the doctor said she had pleurisy which is accumulated fluid in the chest cavity. There is no cure apart from rest, anti-inflammatory medicine, and pain relievers. Typically, this will pass in a couple of weeks, but Joyce has endured it for over 6 weeks already. She is almost back to normal now which is an answer to many prayers. Thank you for our family members and church folks that helped and prayed for her during this time. She is still not 100%, so we would appreciate your continued prayers for her.

With our commitment yet to Tim and his family and Joyce's health, we are setting a new goal of returning to Australia next Spring. We praise God for victories in our church over there and long to be back and encourage our dear people even more in the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers and financial backing. Our heart's desire is to serve the Lord, reaching out to unsaved, and unchurched, and introduce them to the best life: serving Jesus.

In the Harvest Together,

  
Earl & Joyce Koon

Received: \$ 264.00 August, September, 2018. Thank You. God Bless You!

*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6*