



The Koon's Australia

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

I love this time of the year! One month ago, we celebrated Thanksgiving. This year was extra special. Our whole family was very thankful for my improving health. Life has been very different over the past 4 months recovering from this stroke. There have been times when we felt totally overwhelmed but never abandoned. God has certainly been working. Little by little we see changes, although they have been slow. I have progressed from a wheelchair to a walker and now to a tall walking stick. Praise the Lord! I have movement but I'm working hard on gaining control over that movement. My physical therapy is complete for this calendar year. I will return for another assessment in the New Year to see if I need any further therapy.

Christmas is next week! This is also a time for thanksgiving---thanks for Jesus coming to the earth as well as thanksgiving for God's blessings. And we have bunches of them! First, after spending \$15,000 for therapy, several churches have helped us financially. We have never had such a debt but God is helping us pay the bill. Thank you for your generosity! Second, after dealing for months with both of our children, Callee and Caleb asked Jesus to be their personal Savior! We certainly praise the Lord for this great blessing! We are excited to see what God continues to do in their precious lives.

There are two people that we would like for you to pray with us about. First, continue to pray for Amanda. She is the 28 year old woman with 2 children who had a double stroke. I met her during my time at the rehab hospital. I have had ongoing conversations with her to encourage her with her issues. The second person is Lisa---a 25 year old with a young child. She attended our church. Melanie had an opportunity to lead her to the Lord before we left Australia. She has had a lot of difficulty and has been very suicidal with many attempts previously. Please pray for her as she battles with mental health issues and a custody battle.

I was reading the book of Galatians and saw 6:11. "*Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.*" This verse means more to me today than ever before. This letter has taken days to type but I was finally able to put it together. I can understand how the Apostle Paul must have felt. Disabilities can be defeating, but with the Lord's strength, nothing is impossible! Please continue to pray for healing.

Once again, thank you for your financial and prayer support. It means so much to us! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Servants,

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