

## UPDATE ON MY MEDICAL SITUATION

January 2, 2006

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord,

December 20<sup>th</sup>, our 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, I was admitted to the hospital for major surgery in which about a foot and half of intestine, including the ascending colon, was removed. The cause was an unidentified infection. The small intestine was stuck to the colon which was perforated, causing peritonitis, but by the grace of God the infection was not wide spread.

God heard the many prayers of His people on my behalf and I came through the surgery alright. It is with great thanksgiving and joy that I write these few lines today to let you know how I am doing. Each day brings more thanksgiving to God for his daily mercies. I am more conscious than ever that our life comes from him and is sustained by him.

I was released Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, earlier than the doctor originally planned, and although it will take a while to be completely normal, I believe that I am getting stronger each day. Let's not stop praying now.

The last two weeks have been long and painful. We finally managed to get admitted into the hospital in spite of my "low income." It made me feel my helplessness because I have no medical insurance or any of the other medical benefits. The doctors' consultations, blood tests, X-rays, sonograms, CT Scan, the surgery itself and hospital expenses are yet to be figured up. But thank the Lord the operation was a success and I am home and on the mend.

God told Israel through Jeremiah that in spite of their captivity, He had good thoughts toward them. **Jeremiah 29:10-14** has been precious to me during this ordeal. Please read it and enjoy! God has given us sinful Gentiles an eternal place in His plan and purpose through Jesus Christ. **God has good thoughts toward us...regardless!** He has good plans for us. This has been comforting.

As I look forward at the beginning of this year, 2006, I trust that God will continue to strengthen me and help me to preach His gospel faithfully until that day he takes me home. All our help must come from Him. The words, "Jehovah Jireh!" have never meant so much to me.

We thank those of you who have helped us through the years and ask you to keep praying for us. We trust that for us all, it will be a very Happy New Year.

In Christ Jesus,

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