



Prayer Letter from Dr. Tom and Donna Wolfe

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Greetings in our wonderful savior, Jesus Christ our Lord! We are writing this prayer letter primarily to give you all an update on our beginning of 2023. We are asking you to uphold us in prayer.

In January I had more skin cancer surgery (outpatient) on the top of my scalp. It is called Mohs surgery. The surgeon starts by cutting out the obvious cancerous area. Then they test to see if they got it all. Then, if not, the surgeon cuts out some more, enlarging the hole. In my case, it took five cuttings to get it all! This left me with a two-inch diameter hole about 1/4" deep – and a huge bandage. The wound was gruesome looking to be sure! Praise the Lord that I never had much pain. This was almost two months ago, and I am thankful to testify that it is healing very well. I am now waiting on results of another biopsy on a smaller spot toward the front of my scalp.

While writing this prayer letter I received results of this most recent biopsy: not skin cancer. Praise the Lord!

Meanwhile Donna had her annual checkup and it showed breast cancer. A biopsy and more testing in January and early February (ultrasound, MRI) confirmed the diagnosis: infiltrating ductal carcinoma. After several appointments (surgeon, oncologist, etc.), Donna had surgery on February 10. The surgery went very well and the pathology report following surgery showed that all the cancer was removed and the lymph nodes are clear of cancer. We are so very thankful for the early detection of the cancer and the results of her surgery and pathology report! Currently, we are awaiting a final test on the cancer which was removed. This should indicate her risk for a return of new cancer. We do not expect a bad report, but we are still waiting. If the risk of more cancer is high, she will need chemo and radiation therapy. If this final test is good, we still expect five to seven weeks of radiation treatments, which begin about six weeks after surgery.

The Lord has been faithful to encourage us from His Word, notably Philippians 4:6-7: *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* He has also confirmed His care and power: *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...* (Ephesians 3:20). We know this is all for the glory of God. We are assured these trials will result in an enhancement of our testimony and ministry in the days ahead – by the grace and power of the Lord! (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, please pray for us. We are thankful for the good results. And we are thankful that these health matters could be handled here in the first part of 2023. Once we see these trials in our rearview mirror, we will be ready and happy to get back to a more normal schedule for our missions work.

I have been working and making arrangements for 2023 overseas ministries. I expect, Lord willing, at least three journeys, hopefully four. In August I go to the Ivory Coast to work with our IPM missionaries to develop the Bible college, conduct a week-long pastors' seminar (sixty men to attend), and preach in several of the churches. I served there in 2012 and 2014 (photo at right). I am thankful for



the opportunity to return this year, especially since Covid restricted my return a couple years ago. In September I am planning to return to the Dominican Republic for a modular course in the Bible Baptist Seminary and Institute. In November I will travel to the Philippines for our Mindanao Evangelistic Baptist Seminary & Institute – to teach a couple modular courses and preach the Word of God.



We also want to report to some of our supporting churches here in the US. Let us know how we can serve this year. If not 2023, perhaps 2024.

Thanks for your continued fellowship in the work of the gospel of Christ. We are laborers together with God as He gives the increase to His Word in the hearts of people near and far.

Your servants for Jesus' sake,

Tom & Donna Wolfe

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