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Dear Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

“Health Update”

I have been in and out of the hospital twice, for weeks at a time with pneumonia. The first time in the hospital, they thought from looking at a CT scan of my lungs that I had a fungal pneumonia. So they treated me for 4 weeks for that and I just kept getting worse and worse. I was admitted again after 4 weeks and they did a bronchiostomy on me and took biopsies while they were down in my lungs and found out that I did not have a fungal pneumonia but rather a bacterial pneumonia. So now they have put me on the right medicine and I am doing so much better. I have 5 more days of the antibiotic for that.

I am doing good on the chemo pills and the oncologist feel that it is definitely keeping the lid on the leukemia.. They plan to take another bone marrow biopsy after the pneumonia is completely gone as they said that if I had an infection the biopsy could show a false reading. I am praying that they will find very little if any leukemia blasts in the bone marrow when they do take the test!

“WHO IS THE GREATEST AMONG US?”

In Luke 22:24-30, the Lord is sitting in the upper room with His disciples in the final hours before His capture. The instruction He was giving them was of the instituting of the New Covenant. There could be no moment more significant of redemptive importance. Yet Luke tells us that in the middle of this moment, the disciples are arguing over who of them is greatest! In this moment, the disciples are forsaking the glory of God, for the counterfeit glory of personal power and position. This is not seen in the times of the disciples only as some people today are like that too. I have had a similar scene carried out on the mission field as well since the death of my husband. When he left the field for furlough before his death, he left Pastor Richa in charge of the ministries. Most of the men had no problem because they thought it was only temporary until my husband came back. But after my husband’s death, one of the Pastors did not like having to report to Pastor Richa about his ministry in Las Guazaras. He withdrew both himself and his church from the fellowship of the other pastors and their churches. We had made this a matter of prayer since the first day we realized what was happening. Pastor Richa tried to go to him to talk about it but Jonas refused. But just last month, Jonas went to pastor Richa and got things right and now he is back in fellowship with all the pastors and their churches. Praise God that he finally realized that he had traded the real glory which belongs to God for a counterfeit glory for himself of power and position.

This is not the only praise since my last letter. Between all the ministries, there have been another 48 people come to know Christ as their Savior. There were also 6 more weddings and 14 people followed their Lord in baptism. It’s amazing how much God can accomplish through men who work in unity for the cause of Christ.

Also through the sacrifices of those of you who are still supporting the ministry, we were able to meet the needs of the Bible College, and also those of the Pass Me Not Ministries which is meeting some of the needs of our widows, widowers, and orphans who have no families. Also being able to give the children in the Christian School a noon meal, which for some is the only meal they receive most days. Many children have come to know Christ through this Christian School and that is the main reason that we started it. Not to mention that it is the only way most of them would ever get an education because even though they were born in the Dom. Rep., they had no birth certificate; which is needed in order to be able to go to the government schools.

God bless all of you for your sacrificial giving and caring which enable more souls to be saved each and every day.

Your Servant For Souls,
Mary Johnston