

BAPTIST AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

“WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST.” II COR. 5:20



Dear Pastor & Friends

May - June, 2021

That Tuesday morning (March 23), started out like a **regular day**. That night when I (Carolyn) went to bed, I tripped and fell in my bedroom. The pain was tremendous. I remember telling myself that day I needed a break, but wasn't expecting a broken hip and a shattered elbow! I was taken to the Social security hospital in Guadalajara.

The next morning I underwent **surgery** to repair the elbow and put a prosthesis in the hip. This is a free hospital, but the experience was very traumatic so a few days later I was transferred to a hospital in Madrid. A few days after my transfer, I had a **gallbladder attack** and on April 7th, my gall bladder was removed!

S On the 26 of April I was admitted to the Rehab Center because I still couldn't walk. After a few days there, they began physical therapy for about an hour and a half a day. My family was able to visit 1 hour a day - 3 times a week, so that was a blessing as well.

P I have had Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) for over 38 years and this began to give me problems. Forward to May 9, when I was taken to the hospital with severe vomiting. Test showed that 2 of the largest cysts in the left kidney were now pressing the stomach and intestine. Our family and 6 specialist met together and after much prayer decided to operate to remove my left kidney, which weighed over 5.5 pounds. It was a high risk operation, so we gathered to say our goodbyes.

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N May 14 I was operated on to **remove the left kidney** and spent the next 3 days in ICU. Looking back I am thankful that 4 of my doctors accepted an evangelistic booklet called "Peace in the heart". Through this time of trials, God has allowed me to give out 5 New Testaments and 12 of the booklets to doctors and nurses. At the Rehab Center one of the nurses came to my room so that I could pray with her. These are not situations that I would have chosen, but am thankful that I was able to **share the Gospel** with so many different people. Now 3 weeks after surgery, I'm still considered to be post-op, as the recovery is moving slowly. Through it all we have seen God's loving hand upon us. Lavon has been cared for by his helpers, and has been able to come to visit several times. He was involved in a **car wreck** in May while being taken to church, but only suffered a muscle pull from the seat belt. Our church family, especially our pastor and his wife have gone the extra miles to **help us** with food and care which have been a huge blessing to Lavon and I. One day we were sailing smoothly, and the next our world got turned upside down, but God hasn't changed. We so **appreciate your prayers** for us during these difficult days, and ask the Lord to completely restore my health, if it be His will.

We **ARE** going to have **camps this summer**...so please pray for all the preparations and all the new rules which will have to be followed in order to keep the virus away. Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers for us both.

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*"Holding forth the word of life..." Phil
2:16*

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