



April-June, 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your prayers following our urgent email about Laura's health. For those of you who do not yet know, we had to take Laura to the ER on Father's Day due to severe abdominal pain. Later that day, she was diagnosed with appendicitis, and surgery was performed on Monday. However, when they did surgery, it was discovered that the appendix had ruptured and two infections had already begun setting into her abdomen. We are thankful for God's protection and that she was released from the hospital on Friday, June 23. While at home, she continued to battle the infections and slowly gain strength. On Wednesday, June 28, her doctor removed her abdomen drain and released us from further medical treatment, but warned that it may take several weeks before she as is at full strength. We are grateful to God for allowing this emergency to take place while we were visiting Laura's parents so that we could receive needed help from them and Hope Baptist Church (one of our supporting churches) while both of us have been laid up. We do not know what our part of the medical costs will be but are depending on the Lord for His provision.

As for Jeremy's progress, things are moving very slowly. God answered your prayers by providing a safe trip back to the States for our short furlough. In the weeks following our return, Jeremy seemed to continue to gain strength, and we thought he had turned a corner. However, the last couple of weeks have seen some setbacks once again. Please continue to pray for God's assistance in Jeremy's recovery from what the doctors are calling Post-viral Fatigue Syndrome due to Jeremy's battles with Covid and sepsis. They are hopeful that he will make a full recovery, but there is still no definite prognosis or treatment, other than a few medications for symptoms and rest.

As for our furlough schedule, God has made it very clear through Laura's and Jeremy's health conditions that we are not to be traveling during the first months. We would ask you to pray for wisdom and strength for our necessary travels that involve taking Juliana to Maranatha Baptist University. Yes, our bundle of joy has graduated from high school. Please pray for her during her transition to stateside college life.



Please also continue to keep our ministry in Puerto Rico and the Tidids in prayer during our absence. In particular, please pray for Felix, one of our few male church members, who has had health concerns for some time and has been in the hospital close to death for the last several weeks. Please pray that God's will to be done with his life, and that whatever the outcome, we will be able to reach the family with the Gospel.

During these past months, we have learned that life and God's plans move forward even while we are needing to be still. For example, we celebrated 25 years of marriage and Jeremiah turned 21 on June 20 (while Laura recovered from surgery in the hospital). Also, Juliana turned 18 on June 27. Although we were limited in our celebrations, we praise God for His years of protection and provision for our family. Thank you for being a part of our family's progress through your support and prayers.

In His service,
Jeremy Laura, Jeremiah, Juliana, and Joshua Markle

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