

KEEP PRAYING

Thanks you for your prayers and financial support

At 2nd Half Ministries' *Adult 50 Plus Camp* we got to videotape 3 messages by Alton Garrison the Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. In one of his messages he talked about Salt and Light. **Alton reminded us that a common feature of Salt and Light is that they both change their environment.**

As a Christian I hear and use the phrase "Salt and Light" frequently. But like many of our "Christian" catch phrases, I often use it without thinking about it's deeper meaning. **Jesus told us to be salt and light, he wants us to change our environment.**

Thanks for Continuing to Pray for Barb

Barb's tumor is a Vestibular Schwannoma/Acoustic Neuroma which effects the balance and hearing nerves in her ear canal. It is typically a slow growing tumor. But Barb's followup MRI in July showed it had almost doubled in length. Continued growth toward her brain stem could be very dangerous.

One doctor recommended radiation, which would try to stop growth but not remove the tumor. But we were concerned about the potential 20 year after effects of radiation.

We found a doctor at USC Keck Medical Center in Los Angeles who could remove the tumor, which will also allow them to biopsy the tumor to make sure it is just an acoustic neuroma.

We met the surgeon while we were in southern California for *Adult 50 Plus Camp* and hoped to have any operation the week after camp. But the surgery requires 2 surgeons and the soonest it could be scheduled was 10/2. They will drill through her skull bone behind her ear, opening all kinds of stuff inside to get to the tumor to remove it. The doctor said it was pretty much an all day surgery. That night she will stay in ICU and then in the hospital for 1-3 days afterwards.

Since July we continue to edit the the Salvation Army of Mexico project, work long-distance on the Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone Church project in the Philippines and continued work on Romania/Slovenia projects for Teen Challenge. Now we also need to edit the 6 messages we videoed for 2nd Half Ministries.

November Details need to be finalized but we are trusting that Barb will be able to travel by the start of November. We will tell you more when we are able to finalize plans after Barb's surgery.

Prayer Requests

Because of Barb's vocal cord disorder (Spasmodic dysphonia) her surgeon recommend she see one of the USC Keck Medical Center's specialists. Pray with us about that appointment, it is the day before Barb's surgery.

People have asked Barb, "How is Mac doing with all this?" My reply is that Barb is a trooper, I am very proud of her, I have only needed to talk her through a few meltdowns. Jesus is walking both of us through all of this. Pray for God's continued guidance. Pray that we are Salt and Light. Barb has such great joy and peace, she even surprised the surgeon by praying over his hands the very first day we met.



Because her balance is effected, Barb works hard all the time. Also the tinnitus is always a factor. But overall, she is doing well. Be sure to use the link below to watch Barb riding the zip line at 2nd Half camp.
http://www.mandley.com/video/18Barb_zip_line.mp4

Attached to this e-mail is a PDF file that Barb calls *Turning Worries Into Prayers*. It has prayers that Barb is praying for herself as the Lord takes her through this time.

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