

YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU

Josh.1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD **your God is with you** wherever you go. NKJV

Thanks for Your Prayers, Please Continue

Thank you so much! We really felt that **God was with us as you prayed for us** through this whole process. Even the surgeon commented that God had been with Barb.

The good news is the tumor is gone, it will not keep growing towards Barb's brain stem and it was not cancerous. Praise God!

But the balance and hearing side effects are still there. Unless the Lord heals the hearing is gone. Barb started another round of balance rehab. The tinnitus is still there but has dramatically improved.

Please continue praying that balance rehab will be effective and wisdom regarding the purchase of hearing aids.

October The trip to California for surgery slowed down our video editing. But we just completed the 3 evening sessions from 2nd Half Ministries' camp. We still need to complete the editing for the Salvation Army of Mexico, Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone Church in the Philippines, the Romania/Slovenia projects for Teen Challenge and the 3 morning sessions for 2nd Half Ministries.

November Barb is doing so well, we leave in early November to help missionaries Dale and Patti Coad. We will produce videos about their new ministry to the Caribbean Spanish Diaspora. In the Bible the "diaspora" of was when the people of Israel were taken to Babylon and other nations in captivity. In modern times the Israel diaspora is when the Jews were spread throughout the world.

Today the Caribbean Spanish Diaspora are the small pockets of Spanish speaking people from the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Venezuela, etc. who live in Caribbean islands like Nevis, St. Kitts, Antigua, Saba and St. Martín where English and/or Dutch are the official languages.

The Coad are already working with churches in these areas to help Spanish speaking churches form an association or confederation. In November they are holding a Strategic Planning and Organizational Development conference to create ongoing dialogue between the Hispanic Diaspora of the Caribbean to share the dream of uniting themselves to extend support to one another in the work of the Lord.

Angel on Her Shoulder

Mac's sister told Barb that an angel would sit by her shoulder throughout her hospital stay. About the same time Barb asked God if He would do something fun just to remind her how involved He was in the timing, surgery and outcomes.

Shortly after the "Angel on Her Shoulder" comment Barb's daily devotional taught about the jobs that God's angels do while watching over and protecting God's children (Hebrews 1.14). "Are they [angels] not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" The word translated "minister" is the Greek word *diakonia*, a word that depicts high-level service. *Sparkling Gems From the Greek Volume 2*.

This devotional reinforced the "Angel on Her Shoulder" comment. We realized that if the surgery had been scheduled earlier Barb would not have read that particular devotional until after the surgery. Since it was read it just 3 days before surgery, it meant so much more.

After surgery, Barb made a point of being friendly and asking each nurse for his/her name. The first night in ICU she asked a male nurse his name. It sounded something like Zif or Fiss but between her poor hearing and his pronunciation, she didn't get it. After a couple tries she asked him to spell it.

By this time he was sitting beside Barb's right shoulder checking the computer that monitored her. He spelled out... S E R A F I N. She asked, "Serafin... You mean like an angel?" He got a great big grin on his face and said, "Yes! In fact my Dad is a Serafin, so is my grandfather. I'm the third generation Serafin in my family."

"Barb told Serafin that she had been learning about angels' job as protectors and helpers in her devotional readings the last few days. And here he was! They were both grinning and the nurses were giggling.

Incredible huh? Her prayer for something special, Mac's sister's comment, the devotional and here was Serafin by her shoulder right after surgery. We think her prayer was delightfully answered, don't you? God is so good!!!

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