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News from Chicagoland

My time in the US has been full of refreshment and renewal, fun times with family and friends, and hope as I see God work in me. The first half of my stay was focused on recovering from burnout and learning new ways to avoid it in the future (hopefully!). The second half of home assignment was busy visiting my 7 supporting churches and individual supporters. It was so encouraging to know that so many are interested and praying for the ministry in Côte d'Ivoire.

Our family has faced very difficult times in the last 7 months. My dear sister-in-law, Nancy, passed away on March 10th. She was hospitalized on March 3rd with respiratory difficulties, which continued to worsen each day. The Lord took her home so suddenly and unexpectedly. She was only 74 years old. Nancy was an encourager, helper, and fun-loving lady, who was like a big sister to me. She cared for me when I had cancer and we developed a special bond. Please pray for Jack, my oldest brother, who mourns for his wife, and his 3 sons and families in this time of transition.



Jack and Nancy, Thanksgiving, 2021

News from the Baptist Hospital

Great news on the generosity front! Next month, we will be able to pay the 2nd month's salary due to our hospital staff thanks to many people who gave in huge ways. The staff will be so grateful that God has provided for them once again. We all thank you!

A financial and administrative audit was just completed at the hospital. Pray for wisdom as the hospital board reviews the reports and makes decisions so that the hospital moves ahead to be a more efficient ministry. May God use the hospital for many more years to glorify Him and bring many to physical and spiritual healing.

Finally, heading back

Tickets have been bought to fly to Côte d'Ivoire on November 15th. While I am looking forward to returning, after 13+ months in the States, attachments to family and friends have grown stronger. It has been a long stay, but necessary, in order to be in a healthier place physically, emotionally and spiritually. I am praising the Lord for this improvement! And I am so grateful to have been home when Nancy passed away, instead of 9,000 miles away, and then to have special times with family these last months.

Please pray for my preparations. I have almost ordered all of the medical supplies and personal items to bring back. Packing things away here and packing suitcases are next, in the midst of having those "last coffees, lunches and dinners" to say goodbye. Please pray for my transition to African culture, heat, and hospital ministry. It will be wonderful to see so many loved African family and friends!

As always, I am so grateful for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

Blessings,

Diane Eliason

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