

# Partners in Prayer

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Dear Friends,

In his letter to the church of Philippi Paul wrote,

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:6-7*

Sometimes it is hard to not be anxious, to put everything in God's hands, but when we do, there is an incredible reward. We can have peace in our hearts knowing God is truly in control. This past few weeks has been a test of our trust in our Saviour, and we have found Him to be trustworthy.

On January 17, as Sandra and I were leaving our weekly small group Bible study, we received a very short text from Christy. It said something like, "at VGH, a go for tonight, 10 pm." Rather cryptic, but we new exactly what it meant. Christy had been called to Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) for a double lung transplant if there was a good tissue match with the donor. She hadn't told us she had been called to the hospital because over the past year and a half two other potential transplant surgeries didn't take place because at the last minute it was decided the tissue match between her and the donor was not close enough. The text we received was her telling us that in half an hour a surgical team would begin a double lung transplant. Our small group prayed. We put Christ and the surgical tenm into God's hands.

Christy's surgery was incredibly fast, under 6 hours. Everything went perfectly. Within 48 hours she was out of ICU and into a regular hospital room, a private sterile room. A few days more and all the tubes, hoses, drains and IV lines were gone. For the first time since she was little she had colour in her face, not chalky white. While we were with Christy three days after her operation a member of the surgical team came by to check on her. He told us that Christy was their "miracle patient." Her progress was very rapid. We praise God for His goodness and thank all those who have been praying for Christy, reading Facebook posts.



*Christy & Christian 3 days after surgery*

Christy was released from hospital on February 1, two weeks after her surgery. She has many restrictions. She has to live near VGH and has transplant clinic and therapy appointments all week. Christy has to have someone with her 24 hours per day. That will be her husband Christian on weekends, Sandra or I weekdays. We are very thankful that my nephew and his wife live ten minutes from VGH and offered a bedroom for Christy and whomever is with her. We are very grateful. *Please pray for Christy's recovery, many months long, and for her husband Christian who will only see her on weekends for the next two months..*

Sandra will be the one who spends the most time with Christy over the next months. Gary will be with her the first week because Sandra currently has bronchitis. Once she is with Christy, Sandra will only be home on weekends so her normal schedule will be a shambles. *Please pray for Sandra's quick healing so she can be with Christy.*

February 14 Gary will begin facilitating a World Team online discipleship module for our missionaries around the world. It is only six weeks long, but takes quite a bit of time each day. Discipleship is key in spiritual growth and especially so in church planting. We want new Christians to learn the basics of their faith and be able to share with others, working with us in ministry. *Please ask the Lord to use Gary to guide the interactions of the missionaries taking the module.*

In April, leaders of the Americas Area of World Team will get together for our annual meeting. This year we will be in Port of Spain, Trinidad. We will be spending a lot of time looking at team dynamics when your team is made up of people from different cultures and languages. We will also be talking about how to evangelize people from minority religious groups. Both of these are, of course, vitally important in our church planting in South America and the Caribbean. *Please pray for Gary as he oversees preparations for the meetings and Sean as he prepares material.*

We have a great need for new missionaries in our Americas Area of World Team. To be honest, we have a great need for new workers all around the globe! We need people to join our team to reach those living in shantytowns around the huge Brazilian city of Manaus on the Amazon River. We need Chinese missionaries to reach Chinese living in Lima, Peru. We need people to join our team to reach religious minorities in Trinidad in the Caribbean. We have places ready to receive missionaries, just no one to send. *Please ask the Lord to tough the hearts of those He wants to send to these mission fields.* Young or old or in between, we need workers.

Thank you for praying about our financial support level. We are very thankful to all who have given toward our support. Several people have become new monthly supporters and several have given one time gifts. Our support isn't perfect, but it is no longer critically low.

Thank you for your prayers for our ministry, for our family, for what the Lord is doing in the ministries of World Team. We truly appreciate you standing with us in ministry and being a partner in prayer.

In Jesus' love,



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# Would You Like to Help?

Would you like to help with our ministry expenses? You can donate using World Team's secure online donation system. Follow the appropriate link below and in the blank for the missionary or project name type "Americas Church Planting Project (010024)."

Donations to that account will go towards our ministry expenses.

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