

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

It was one of those phone calls you never want to receive. My brother was on the line. “Dad’s in the hospital. We don’t think it’s serious but wanted you to know.” YOW! I immediately called my Mom. “I hear Dad is in the hospital, what’s going on?” “He’s having problems with his gall bladder. They plan on doing surgery on Friday. He’s in ICU now.”

“Surgery? ICU?! That doesn’t sound good. You need me to come to help?”

“Tim, I know you’re so busy with the teams. I don’t want to burden you with this. But *I need you.*”

It was the tonality that got me. A sad, desperation that frankly shook me up. “I’ll be there ASAP.”

It was almost like you could audibly hear a sigh of relief. Two days later I was in Texas! I rented a car in Austin and drove over to Georgetown where my folks and my brother Jim live. I headed straight for the hospital. I got to the ICU on the second floor, went through the metal doors and into Dad’s area. He had wires and tubes going everywhere. It was quite an alarming site.

“How you feeling, Dad?”

“Been better. But OK.” He gave me a smile. I was impressed by his cheerfulness. The next morning he was wheeled off to surgery. It lasted almost twice as long as we were told. The doctor told me later, “it was challenging.” They kept him in the ICU under complete sedation with a respirator for three days. Finally, he began to wake up!

What amazed me was how Daddy blessed the people who came to see him. He commented continually about how nice the guest looked, or how helpful they had been to him. He was in full on Pastor mode even when he was being ministered to!

Dad is still in the hospital doing physical therapy. He is still having trouble swallowing. His strength is returning slowly, but he is still having a challenge getting around. Pray that he will soon be able to eat and move around normally!

It’s always challenging when you face health problems. I’m closest to the Lord in the hardest times! I learned from my Dad that no matter what you face, you can still be a blessing to other people. He was a ray of sunshine to all that walked into his room. In spite of all the hoses and wires and tubes going into him, he was still trying to make US feel better!

This has been a terrific summer already! We’ve had hundreds of people in town and well over a hundred professions of faith! We encounter the most severe spiritual warfare when we’re making the greatest impact for the Kingdom!

Pray for my Dad. Al Cummins! Love you! Tim & Kathy



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