

July 15, 2010 – Kim’s Dad now needs full-time nursing care; much wisdom is needed

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Dear Family and Friends.

My (Kim’s) dad has been in the hospital now for a couple of weeks, but is currently in the Transitional Care Unit of the hospital. We received a phone call yesterday from the director of the Carriage House (the assisted living facility where Dad’s been living). She let Ellaine (my sister) and I know that the review board had determined that dad would not be able to return to the Carriage House because his strength and mobility were significantly reduced from the time of their prior review and that his general care needs now exceeded what could be provided at the assisted living facility. In fact, they said he now needs full-time nursing care. This means he needs to leave his apartment and live in the nursing home from here on.

We knew this day would come eventually, but hadn’t suspected it would be so soon. Our tickets say we are leaving the States on July 25<sup>th</sup>, but getting him and his size-appropriate belongings settled into his new digs and then finding suitable storage for the rest of his goods, while saying goodbye (again) to our children, grandchildren, and other family and friends (especially dad) seems like a tall order for the next 9 days.

All that to say, we really don’t know what we should do.

We can postpone our return to PNG again, but staying beyond 3 months may trigger a whole lot of issues regarding tax status, furlough(?), “return to the field requirements” and... Not to mention the approximately \$900 in penalties we will have to pay to rebook our flights. If that’s what would please the Lord, we are willing.

If we postpone, what date do we use to re-book? We don’t want to incur those penalties more than once. But if that would please the Lord, we are willing. We just really don’t know what we should do. But we need to make some kind of decision real soon...

In the Scriptures we read, “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.” (James 1:5 NLT) Please pray for wisdom. We need the Lord’s guidance. And we trust that he will generously supply it. Thanks.

Kim and Annie