## The Colich Chronicles

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Dear Friends and Family,

Sorry for the delay in updating you all, but thanks for your continued prayers. We did make it back in time for the memorial service. It took us 44 hours 'door to door' but we arrived just before noon on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the service was at 5:00. We were grateful to be able to be here with the rest of Annie's family. One by one they have had to return to their homes and jobs. In a little while we will need to as well. Please pray for continued comfort, healing and adjustment for the entire Carpenter family.

While still in PNG we had several friends come to the house immediately after they heard the news that Annie had lost her dad. They surrounded us with their presence, their prayers, their love, their arms (special thanks to Helena, Lois, Kim, Emos, and Tracy). When we landed in Los Angeles Annie turned her cell phone back on and soon after we received a call from the hospital in Norwalk 'updating' me on my (Kim's) Dad's condition. I didn't even know he had been admitted to the hospital. As of Tuesday, he was released from the Transitional Care wing, and we drove to Ohio to check on him for a few days this week. The Multiple Myeloma has receded, but now he has congestive heart failure. Please pray for strength and stability for him as he gets settled back home in the assisted living facility.

All our kids and grandkids are doing OK right now, although a couple weeks ago Megan had her nose broken playing volleyball (never a dull moment with her...). We got to be with Elijah (and Larissa & Charles and Megan) for his first birthday and he took his first "excursion" across the living room in front of all of us – about a dozen consecutive unassisted steps. How cool that we were there.

We originally booked our tickets to return after 3 weeks but we feel we can best help by being here a while longer to help Mom adjust. We have our tickets rebooked now and will be leaving July 25 to return to PNG. It is still somewhat of a shock that we are in the States again so soon. Please pray for wisdom & grace as we seek His will for our time here. Thanks.

Last week I read the following in Isaiah 45,

"I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I create the light and make the darkness.

I send good times and bad times.

I, the Lord, am the one who does these things."

This has certainly qualified as one of the "bad times", but we know that God is sovereign and He is good, ALL THE TIME!

Later in that same chapter God says,

"Does a clay pot argue with its maker?

Does the clay pot dispute with the one who shapes it, saying,

'Stop, you're doing it wrong!'

Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?' "

God is not clumsy, and He never gets it wrong.

Like Job, "I will cover my mouth with my hand... I have nothing more to say."

We continue to "...trust His heart".

Thanks for bearing us up in prayer and for your continued financial support and notes of encouragement.

In the Love of Him who knows the beginning from the end,

Kim & Annie