

**May 5, 2010 – Annie's Dad, Duane Carpenter, has died from a massive heart attack– Dad Colich's home going**

Dear Friends and Family,

We are headed back to the States, again. We've just received word that Annie's Dad, Duane Carpenter, has died from a massive heart attack. The Dr says it was instantaneous. We know that Dad Carpenter is now in the joyous presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for that we are thankful. But the rest of us are in shock and pain, and are grieving, but not as those without hope, for we know that those of us that know Jesus shall see Dad again when we also are ushered into the Lord's presence.

We are in the process of trying to make arrangements to get to Louisville, KY, which is where Annie's folks have lived for a number of years now. We won't be able to get a flight out of Ukarumpa (the mission center) until 8:30am on Friday (6:30pm EST Thursday there). We don't know yet how soon we will be able to get there, but we're hoping to get flights that will go straight through. If we have to go via Australia we will have to overnight there before we can go on so we're looking at alternatives (via Hong Kong?) that will get us to the States without a stopover.

Please pray that the Lord would comfort and support those of us who have known and loved Dad ("Poppy" to his grandkids) all these years. Annie and I are grateful to have had such great times with him especially this last furlough.

Please pray for wisdom and discernment for all the family as they sort through the details of what's ahead these next days, and weeks, and months ahead.

Please pray the Lord would go ahead of Annie and I as we desire to get there as quickly as possible.

God is sovereign and He is good all the time, even when my eyes are unable to see that, even when my mind just doesn't 'get it', He is good. As Christian artist, Babbie Mason put it:

God is too wise to be mistaken  
God is too good to be unkind  
So when you don't understand  
When you don't see His plan  
When you can't trace His hand  
Trust His heart

We are trusting His heart. Thanks for praying.

Kim (for Annie)