

November 24, 2009 – The Colich Chronicles: Kim's Dad has cancer; return to PNG?

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Dear family and friends,

No pictures this time, just wanted to let you all know what's going on since we are still here in the states. We had anticipated returning to PNG this month, but the Lord has other plans for us... once again. His timing is always the best- never early and never late. And so we trust that He will and is continuing to accomplish His purposes during and through each postponement of our departure.

The current situation is that my dad was diagnosed earlier this month with Stage 2 Multiple Myeloma. It is incurable but is treatable. The hematologist says that the wildcard in this situation is Dad's age - he will be 92 in February. He won't be able to take the 'normal' full chemotherapy doses for his treatment. He is rather weak but is still able to live on his own at the assisted living facility (although with much assistance these days). One of the meds he has just started costs over \$7,000 per month(!), but praise God, a Cancer Fund has committed to underwrite essentially all of his treatment costs! He began his treatment two weeks ago now, seems to be tolerating it well, and the first tests show that his hemoglobin has risen slightly. For this and the generosity of the cancer fund we give great thanks! The hematologist said we will treat for 2 cycles and then re-evaluate after about two months. We really have no idea how this is all going to play out. But the Lord keeps whispering "Peace! Be still!" into our hearts.

Annie is still having some problems off and on with her TMJ but it is much much better than it was. I'm OK. We just finished moving a few days ago (5th time since we've been back). We are hoping this will be the last time before we return to PNG. There is plenty of room for guests at this house so all of our girls and their families are coming for a visit the weekend after Thanksgiving. Can't wait to get lots of baby snuggle time logged in!!

We have been once again amazed at the generosity of God's people! It looks like we will have our medical debts paid by the end of the year – WOW! We also recently had a friend provide a new digital camera for us (Yeah!), and so the only other items we are still hoping to secure before we return to PNG are a couple of new 3ft by 5ft white boards and a paper cutter that can handle A3 (11.7" × 16.5") size paper.

We shared about Bible translation this past Sunday during the adult Sunday school hour at a local supporting church. God is good. We are still looking for a few additional partners for our

ministry and trust that the Lord will raise ones up as we share about what God is doing among the Tami people.

Please pray for:

- My dad (Bill Colich) and for a good response to the treatment.
- Additional contacts with local churches and home groups.
- Wisdom as we seek to discern the Lord's timing for returning to PNG.
- A hunger for God for both Annie and I as we learn to trust during this time of uncertainty. ("Those who know Your NAME trust in You." Psalm 9:10 NLT)

Thanks for sustaining us with your prayers, friendship, and finances.

With much love and thanksgiving,

Kim and Annie