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# The Colich Chronicles

Fall 2011

Dear friends and Family,

Well it's been a roller coaster ride again. Thanks for praying us through this. Much to get caught up on. First the 'make you glad' stuff. Our daughter Megan and Ilir Stambolliu were married on August 20, 2011, and are doing well.



Next we have the birth of Josiah Justus Powers. Larissa delivered him on September 26 at about 11:09 PM. He weighed in at 6 lbs 3 oz and was 20" long. Mother and son are doing fine and of course, he's gorgeous.



Much to be thankful for.

We will be off to Virginia for a couple of months starting around the 18<sup>th</sup>, but before we go we want to update you on current events with Annie (this section won't have any pictures ③). Things have been rather busy. Annie had her post-op appointment 2 weeks ago, and the the final biopsy results after Annie's hysterectomy came back showing she did have stage 1 cancer in her uterus. This came as quite a shock as the initial biopsy (pre-op) came back negative for cancer as did all the sample biopsies taken during the surgery. We went into the 1 week post-op visit with cancer not even on our radars. Nevertheless, the Dr. is quite certain they got it all and is not recommending chemo or radiation at this time, for which we are thankful. However, he says she ought to be seen by an oncologist every 3-6 months for the next 4 years. That won't work real well from Malasiga village in PNG. We are investigating options now. She has her 1 month appointment with the gynecological oncologist next

week. We trust we can make definitive plans after that. We are hoping we can still return to PNG and our translation work in early January 2012, Lord willing.

What is still being investigated is a lesion on her left kidney. MRI results are "inconclusive" and so she is also scheduled to see another oncologist as well next week.

As our health insurance year ended on September 30, we start a new HSA year with a big deductible to meet before the insurance kicks in. So this is a major prayer point for us at present.

# Please pray for:

- financial provision for all these unanticipated healthcare costs
- Annie's continued healing
- A 'good' report from the oncologist on Monday regarding her kidney
- A workable (PNG friendly) plan for post-cancer follow-up as a result of meeting with Annie's gynaecological oncologist on Wednesday
- Much grace for one another (Annie & I) as all this has been hard on our relationship
- A good foundation built as Megan and Ilir grow and change
- That Josiah will remain healthy and grow to be a Christ follower
- Good closure with my sister as we finalize all our Dad's estate 'stuff'
- Peace and joy in our hearts as we continue to press ahead

Thanks for supporting us through these difficult times.

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