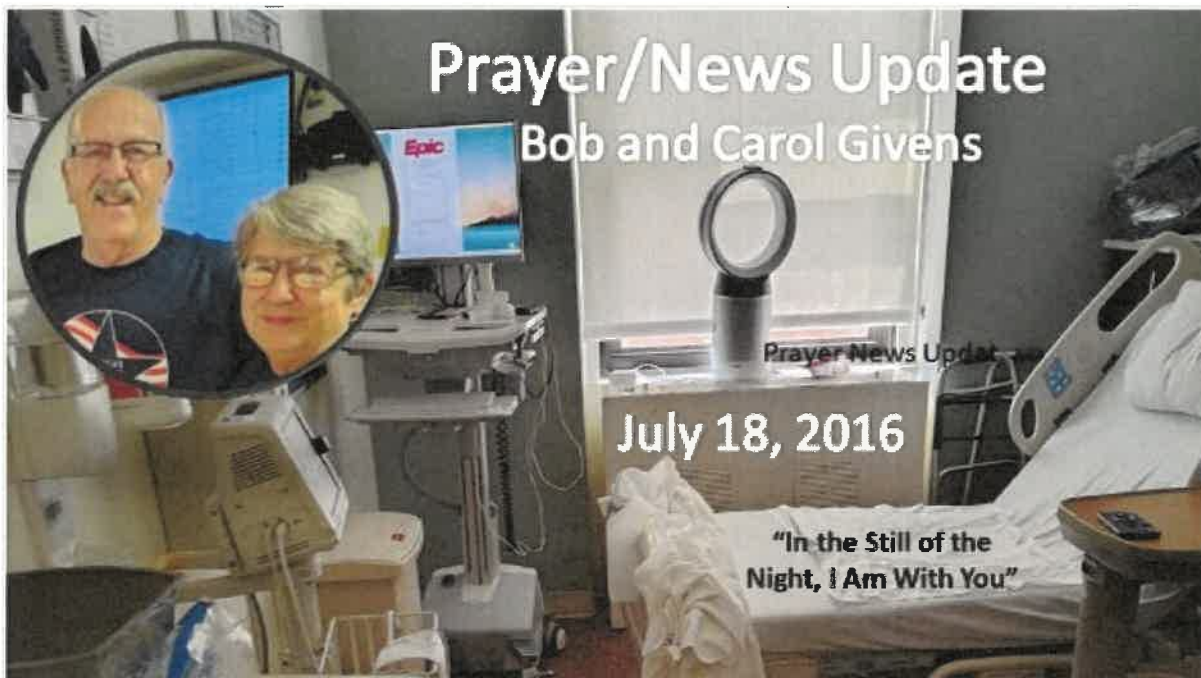


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Subject: More God Winks & The Journey Ahead: Chemo, Round two

More amazing God! winks

In the still of the night, I am with you



In the Still of the Night, I Am With You

Dear Friends and Family,

"In the still of the night, I am with you." These words have carried a deep weight for us recently.

Last week, I was hospitalized due to dangerously high blood pressure and a severe, unrelenting headache. Ever since my surgery to remove the brain tumor back on May 11th, I have been dealing with a constant headache. Initially, we assumed it was just the normal healing process of the neck muscles. However, when the pain persisted, the medical team wanted to run a CT scan to ensure a new tumor wasn't forming and putting pressure on my brain.

We were incredibly relieved when the scan came back clear—**there are absolutely no signs of growing cancer.**

The blood pressure issue remains a concern, but after adjusting some of my medications, we are finally seeing some improvement. Keeping my blood pressure under control is absolutely vital right now, as it directly impacts our ability to pursue further cancer treatment options.

Multiple "God Winks" in the Hospital

Even in the midst of a stressful hospital stay, the Lord made His presence known through what we like to call "God winks." It was incredible to realize that during this past hospitalization, I had six different believers attending to me.

One night around 4:00 AM, I awoke with chest palpitations and a severe anxiety attack. Andrea, my nighttime nurse, listened closely to my concerns. When I asked her if she would pray for me, she agreed right away—and she prayed like she knew exactly Who she was talking to. Afterward, I listened to Natalie Raynes' music on YouTube, and she played requested hymns that brought immense peace to my heart. I felt so encouraged that I was even able to work on some new devotionals to post daily on Facebook.



The blessings continued at 7:00 the following morning. As I was being wheeled out of my room for another test, Andrea stopped to introduce me to my daytime shift nurse. She smiled and said, "You will enjoy your day, because she was raised as a missionary kid in Africa." When I got back to the room, I found out that my new nurse, Julia Kopp Boyer, was an MK from Zambia! Her parents had served with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship (which has since merged with SIM). I was being cared for by a fellow SIM MK! I felt so deeply loved by the Lord through that specific, sweet blessing.

Looking Ahead

Our journey continues this coming week. On **Monday, July 20th**, I will be starting a new Methotrexate treatment, which will involve a 5-day stay in the hospital. We go into this next step trusting in His continued care.

Thank you all so much for your steadfast love, texts, and prayers. They mean more to us than words can say.

In His Grace,

Bob & Carol

How You Can Pray For Us:

- **Blood Pressure Stability:** Pray for continued control and stabilization of my blood pressure so that future cancer treatments remain fully available to us.
- **Upcoming Hospital Stay:** Lift up the new Methotrexate treatment beginning Monday, July 20th. Pray for strength, minimal side effects, and peace during the 5-day hospital stay.

- **Endurance and Faith:** Praise God for the "God winks" and the incredible believers He placed in our path, and pray that we continue to feel His presence in the still of the night.

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