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Now, we are supporting the two of them as they deal with some personal tragedy. Mom and Clayton arrived Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon we had to take Clayton to the emergency room. A hemorrhage in the left temporal lobe of his brain, in his speech center, caused some troubling, stroke-like symptoms which worsened as the day progressed. He was admitted to intensive care and the neurosurgeon scheduled surgery for Friday morning to relieve the pressure and determine if there was a mass present. A malignant mass was found and removed, and now we have a diagnosis. It is metastasized melanoma, and there are two other suspicious spots in his brain.

Clayton's daughters arrived shortly after the surgery and biopsy were completed and have been staying with us, too. We are so thankful that this has all taken place here, where we had the opportunity to minister to my mom, Clayton, Dora and Freda. Clayton was released Monday and seems to be recovering very well physically. He can say a few intelligible words and short phrases when he's not trying too hard, and much if not all of his speech is expected to return.

In the emergency room, we had a good discussion of 1 John 5:11-13 during a stretch when he was lucid and communicative. Clayton expressed assurance of his salvation, and we have been able to share other comforting scriptures and prayer with him, my mom and Freda. We took my mom, Dora and Freda to a church service Saturday evening so they could be with Clayton Sunday morning, and the music and message seemed to be just right. Freda even commented that perhaps God let this happen while her dad was here so she could meet us. She hasn't attended church since before her mom died.

We never dreamed that returning to America, in part for my mom's sake, would involve something like this. God has His way and His timing for things and we are entrusting these loved ones and the situation to Him.

I just dropped my mom off at the airport for her return to Tennessee, and Kurt took the others to the airport in Omaha for their return to Connecticut. My mom will join them there next Wednesday.

We covet your prayers as we switch our focus back to our normal ministry activities. It was comforting recently to meet a fellow InterFACE staff member "by accident." Steve encouraged us to see all of this as God's plan rather than an interruption. He would know, as he and his wife dealt with their son's battle against lymphoma several years ago.

Thank you for standing behind us in prayer and giving. You are valuable members of our team!

In grateful service to our Sovereign Lord,

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The universities here began the fall semester this week. It's a key time to reach out to new students.

### Friends of Foreign Students

Picnic: September 14th-- Matching students with American friends.

Garage Sale the weekend of September 21st--to support and benefit FFS international students.



Oscar & family with a local Turkish couple who joined us at church.



## FOR PRAYER

\*Please keep the above dates & events in prayer.

*Prayer for Nancy (Nanette's mom):*

- \*That she would cling to Jesus as the reality of her new situation sinks in.
- \*Her health--that she wouldn't neglect herself as she helps Freda care for Clayton over the next 6 weeks.
- \*Her needs--that she would express herself to us and others who may be in a position to help.
- \*Church--that she would find a Bible-teaching place of worship in Torrington, CT for her time there.
- \*Us--that we would have wisdom to know how best to help and support Grandma Nancy.

*Prayer for Clayton (Nancy's "almost fiancé"):*

- \*Healing--for the Lord to extend his life in remission if He would be glorified to have Clayton remain for a number of years.
- \*Pain--that his suffering would be minimized, or that he would go to be with the Lord quickly in order to minimize the suffering.
- \*Speech--that it would fully return for the remainder of his life, and that Freda and others would be patient with him in the meantime while helping him find creative ways to communicate.
- \*His daughters--that they and their families would know Jesus as Savior and trust Him fully in these difficult circumstances.

\*Please continue to pray for our full support to come in.

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