

## **Greg's Cancer Diagnosis**



In early June Greg was diagnosed with testicular cancer and had surgery to remove the cancer 9 days later. The following week we got Greg's official cancer diagnosis and were happy to learn that his cancer was only stage 1 and it does not appear it has spread to any other part of his body, so chemotherapy and further treatments are not necessary at this time. There were a few lymph nodes that didn't look great on Greg's CT Scan, but the doctors think the lymph nodes are most likely just inflamed from surgery. Greg has an ultrasound this Friday, July 3 to check the lymph nodes out again.

Greg's recovery from surgery has been slow. He's still experiencing daily pain and has to really limit his walking and activities. It's been hard on Greg (and his family) to see him in pain, unable to function normally, and not know when these physical hardships will end. It's difficult to not know for certain all Greg's lymph nodes are cancer free, but amidst all these uncertainties we have been encouraged by Psalm 139:12, "Even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You." Even though the future is not completely clear to us, we know that God sees and knows the exact state of Greg's body and He's in control. There are no mysteries for God and whatever is happening He knows and it's part of His plan.

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouraging messages! Please continue to pray for Greg's body to fully heal from surgery and that the lymph nodes will be cancer-free.

## **Old Testament Class**

Despite a cancer diagnosis we're grateful Greg's been able to continue to teach his online Old Testament class. He's been blessed to see several students posting about what they are learning in the class on Facebook, and he's also been encouraged to see them engaging well with the material and turning in good work. One student emailed, saying that several of the students had expressed their encouragement from the course, adding, "I really enjoy all the videos you sent for this course and love to watch them several times in order to thoroughly understand them!" It's very encouraging that class is going well in the midst of uncertain times. Please ask for Greg's students to learn much over the final months of class.



## **Youth Girls Summer Bible Study**

The youth girls' summer Bible study Rachel has been leading is going extremely well! The 18 girls are extremely interactive, eager to learn, and a joy to teach. The girls have asked many questions and have been incredibly vulnerable in sharing hurts from their past and issues that concern them. In June the girls studied Eve, Hagar, Miriam, and Deborah and in July they will be learning from the lives of Abigail, Bathsheba, Jezebel, and Gomer, so some intense studies lie ahead this month. Please pray for Rachel, and her friend, Tracy, as they lead the girls in studying God's Word and for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be made clear each week.



## **Praises and Prayer Requests**

Thank you so much for praising God with us and praying for our needs. Please email us with any prayer requests you have so that we can be praying for you as well!

- 1) Praise God we were able to hand out food and kid care packages to needy Thai people! Please pray for them to feel the love of God through His people and for them to give their lives to Jesus Christ.
- 2) Praise God Greg's online Old Testament Survey class is going well! Please pray for Greg as he teaches the class and for his students to learn and grow.
- 3) Praise God Rachel has 18 youth girls signed up for the summer Bible study! Please pray for Rachel and Tracy as they prepare, and for the girls to have receptive hearts to all that God has for them to learn.

Thank you so much for all of your love and support!

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