

Update on Elaine

Folks are asking how Elaine is doing. Thank you for caring!

People comment on how good she looks. She has good color and a cheerful countenance, but is extremely weak. It is even hard for her to write. If she felt as good as she looks she'd be doing well!

She had been slowly regaining strength until her March 3 endoscopy, which was to check how her bleeding ulcer was healing. This resulted in an excellent report on the ulcer, but, perhaps coincidentally, her overall healing process seemed to pause and has even declined in the last month.

We're working at it from different angles, including a brain scan to see if she has had a mini-stroke or something, and it didn't show anything abnormal. We had blood work last week looking for a possible muscular disease, and that came back negative. We're now scheduled with a neurologist on August 18.

Elaine is determined to help with the wash and other duties, but it exhausts her and I do most of it. Fortunately my cooking skills have improved a lot - the only direction they could go – and she is eating well, including a lot of protein.

We praise God that she is sleeping MUCH better. God's timing is perfect and He connected us to a good message on anxiety. See "The Cure for Anxiety" at www.freshlife.church/messages/god-has-hands

We've recently put a highly stressful situation behind us and that's a big deal. A Levi Lusko (Kalispell, Mt.) message was helpful in that process. See www.freshlife.church/messages/dont-let-shame-hold-you-back

We covet your prayers as we continue the journey. God is using this to draw us to Himself, and to knit our hearts and souls together as never before. I'm having opportunity to repay Elaine for her faithful service in our home for these 62-1/2 years, and she deserves it.

We choose to embrace the powerful truth of Romans 8:28, which will probably be the theme of my next post.

Thanks for your ongoing prayers for us!

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