



Dear Family & Friends

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength
Nehemiah 8: 10

INTRODUCTION

It is quite easy to react sorrowfully in the face of difficulties and unexpected trials BUT for the joy of the Lord. He so graciously helps His children walk through the rough and rugged pathways to victory. The last six months have been a different kind of journey, with many trials and difficulties along the way. But our God chose to brighten the journey by giving us patience, cheerfulness and a greater compassion for those who are suffering trials. We have benefitted very much from a bible study in Job, and thank God for the lessons learnt over these months. How we thank God for that sure and certain hope that is found only through our redemption in the Lord Jesus Christ. Join with us in giving Him all the praise and the glory.

EVEN MORE ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES

In the past months, Nick & I frequented the airport because of family or friends` arrivals and departures. We also took the opportunity to visit the Airport Chapel in support of that ministry. At the Airport, we would excitedly take photographs to capture the moments, and later show them off to you in our prayer letters. Being “grounded”, I must admit that I was always a little wistful on such occasions. Recently, we also had the opportunity to welcome *Susanna Clarke*, Missionary with UFM, back to South Africa and then to say “good bye” 3 months later as she returned to the UK. Do **pray** that God will guide **Susanna** into the right area of ministry in the future.



Sheila with Susanna as she checked in



Sheila's 6 month check-up at Pretoria East Hospital



BREAKING NEWS - - ON SHEILA’S HEALTH

It is good news indeed! On Monday 18th April, six months after my initial spinal surgery, I saw Dr Nel, the Consultant Surgeon at Pretoria East Hospital. He gave me the “**thumbs up**” for air travel. This was exciting, as Nick & I had bookings since last year with some UK Churches for June & July. And we certainly did not want to cancel! So with the usual necessary precautions of me wearing my back brace ,foot splint, wheel chair assistance and the “do not sit for too long” ringing in our ears, we can both consider booking UK flights for May 2016. Now, with mixed emotions, it is all systems go, but we will not forget to **thank God** for *Dr Nel* and his team, and to **you** our dear praying friends & family.

The hospital visit was topped off as we happened to meet **Dr Gray** along the hospital corridor, and were able to exchange a few words. Some of you might remember that he was a **Trustee of SWYM** in the early years, and he was **key** in getting me the hospital treatment and care when I was in severe pain and needed professional help. Do **remember** him and his wife, and Dr Brand too, as they work long and hard, and maintain a strong Christian witness at Pretoria East Hospital.

Family & Friends – Abundant thanks to you all!

We continue to covet your prayers for us. Be encouraged, for God is at work in South Africa and in our personal lives.

With our love, prayers & grateful thanks, Nick & Sheila

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