

MEDICAL UPDATE

For those of you who are unaware, back in February I had to make an emergency trip to Jakarta because I had several episodes of rapid irregular heartbeat (atrial fibrillation). Fortunately I had coworker Vicki Hill with me who is also a nurse. I was relieved to know there was a good cardiovascular hospital in Jakarta and I knew Vicki would take good care of me.

We left for Jakarta the next day, Tuesday, saw the doctor on Wednesday and I was in the operating room having an angiogram that very afternoon. Prior to surgery I had a treadmill test and my blood pressure quickly shot up to 220/100. The angiogram found a 75% blockage in my left arterial descending artery so angioplasty was necessary and the doctor inserted a stint. Once again during surgery my B.P. shot up to 220/110 so they put a nitro pill under my tongue. I was awake for the entire procedure and could actually watch the monitor and see the doctor working in my arteries. I was released from the hospital the next day with a year supply of four new medications.

I thought for sure the angioplasty would solve my problem BUT.. a month later, in March I had another incident of rapid heartbeat so the doctor decided to put me on a beta blocker. This has lowered my pulse considerably and I don't have the energy I used to but I praise the Lord that I was able to get everything taken care of here and did not have to leave Indonesia. Thank you ever so much for your faithful prayers on my behalf.

Many of you have asked me about coworker Gail Vinje. After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer back in October last year she has been in the U.S. receiving radiation and chemotherapy treatments with the hopes of shrinking the tumor. Unfortunately the tumor did not shrink enough and it has now become necessary for the doctor to remove her pancreas.

She is now back here in Papua to pack up her things and to say good bye to all those she lived with and worked with for the past 35 years. Without a pancreas it is not possible for her to stay here in Papua. Please pray that she will have the physical strength she needs while here as well as the emotional strength she needs to leave her ministry in Papua behind.

My additional updates may be found at
<http://www.dontveter.com/missionaries/moers/index.php>

God Is Gracious,

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