

Praise and Prayer Update - Nilo Sanchez

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Dear Pastor and all the brethren;

The tsunami scare because of the strong earthquake in Chile sends many of our people, particularly from our own province of Surigao del Sur , to evacuate to higher grounds. We passed by many of them on our way to Butuan City last Sunday afternoon camping on the roadsides with all their belongings. God spared our island. The waves that arrived is only 1.5 meters high, which is but normal to our place. We did the travel because Monday morning Fely and I had to see our Doctors.

I had to fast that Sunday night ready for the endoscopy procedure/operation (?) at 9 Am Monday, March 1. The Doctor arrived past 10:00 o'clock and am afraid that I will have hypoglycemia. They gave me some sugary candy. Dre. Gambi inserted again the apparatus to my throat down to my esophagus and stomach. I was myself watching the TV screen the pictures of the "inside" of me. It was obvious that the 3 ligated esophangial varicoses have already healed after the 15 days of "operation" but there were also signs that the remaining varicoses were about ready to burst evidenced by the blood darkening lines. The Doctor inserted again a much bigger tube with the "string" and tied down the remaining dangerously enlarged viens. The procedure lasted less than 30 minutes. I came out of it so weak and hurting my chest and throat especially when the anesthesia was already gone. (I can only take pure soap the whole day. Today I already have a soft diet until tomorrow. Hopefully by Thursday I can already eat some solid food.) The doctor told me that hopefully that will be my last session with him. Will just come back to him in the future for regular checkup. Praise the Lord for His goodness.

While I was undergoing endoscopy, my wife was also with a cardiologist who subjected her to many tests: 2 d echo, 2 kinds of xrays, etc. They wanted to know what is wrong with her as her blood pressure is always up (ranging from 150/90 - 190/100). Their was no conclusive diagnosis but more tests are forthcoming. She was given new medications. She's always complaining of heaviness in her heart and like always overwhelmed. She's easily feeling weak. Will be observing her until March 18 when we go back to Dr. Gonzales. From the hospital we traveled straight home last night.

We always believe the sovereignty of God and we are being molded by the Lord even for highest good. We fix our eyes on Him whom we believe will see us through this experience. He is seated on His throne. We bow down in adoration and worship to Him alone of whom we have to give account. Your many prayers and support keeps us greatly encouraged and focused to what the Lord wants us to do. God helping us we shall overcome!

In His glory and praise,
Nonilo Sanchez