

## Praise and Prayer Update - The Williamson's - 1/13/2010



Yesterday we were quite disappointed to hear from Mom's surgeon that he can't get her in for surgery until the 27<sup>th</sup>, due to scheduling problems with the hospital. We immediately began to pray for God to intervene, and several of you have been praying with us. A short while ago my Dad phoned to tell me that God has answered our prayers: the surgeon is going to do the surgery on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. He normally only does surgeries on Wednesdays but he has rearranged his schedule in order to help Mom.

We know this is God's doing and we are so thankful. Mom's arms and hands are getting weaker each day along with more pain in her neck, jaw and hands. Please pray that Mom doesn't get my cold.

While you are praying, you can pray for Barrie who just came down with shingles! Pray that this will be a mild case. He is quite busy preparing for speaking engagements at our church's Global Outreach Festival (a.k.a. missions conference) which starts on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the same time he is trying to stay caught up with his leadership responsibilities on "the field" (Indonesia). Pray that the pain from the shingles won't be too bad and will not interfere with his ministries.

We are thrilled beyond words at what the Lord has done for the Lauje New Testament printing project. ALL the money has come in for the printing!! We are just totally amazed at how God has provided. Jason Bechtel is still working on the layout. We'll keep you informed as things continue to progress. We are getting so close to the day when the Lauje believers will hold in their hands the whole New Testament in their own language!

We appreciate each one of you, our faithful friends, supporters and prayer warriors.

— *Barrie and Cherri*

"The basis of effective prayer is helplessness. When we are in the heat of battle, we must quickly come to "wit's end corner" and cry out to God. It is in prayer that we can talk to God and "complain" about the devil doing his worse to us --- and it is in prayer that we will be reminded that Jesus will do His best *for us*." --- Jill Briscoe

We are thanking God that Mom came through the four hour surgery yesterday. It was a long day – the surgery didn't get started until 2 ½ hrs after the scheduled time. Part of the delay was because it took them ½ hr to get the IV in, and 45 min to get the intubator (breathing tube) in. The doctor was able to shave off some of the bone that was digging into her spinal cord. He then had to put rods and screws in from the base of her skull down to L5. He is hopeful that she will regain feeling in and the use of her hands, but he can't promise (of course). She is still in ICU and still on a ventilator because of a strong possibility of swelling in her breathing passage. And because she is on the ventilator, they are keeping her sedated. Her blood pressure dropped too low, probably due to the sedation, so she's on medication now to bring it up. Later this morning they plan to try to see if she can breathe a bit on her own. We appreciate your continued prayers for her. Please pray for my dad, too. It's pretty traumatic for him to see Mom like this. Though this is her 13th surgery, Dad said he's never seen her look "this bad".

It's such a blessing to have such wonderful prayer supporters. Thank you all so much. \*\*\*Added 1/20/2010