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Dear Praying Friends,

We often say God is better to us than we deserve. This is always true, but never, in recent years, have we seen the goodness of God more than during the month of December.

As most of you know, cancer was found in my colon late in the month of December. The doctors moved quickly to make sure the cancer had not spread. Instead of waiting months for one test, I had a CT scan, sonogram, and MRI within the space of one week. Then, on 29 December, I underwent surgery to remove a section of the colon, where the cancer was present. The surgeon said they had to remove a larger section of the colon than originally planned, but they believe they were able to remove all of the cancer. Lord willing, I will follow up with the surgeon on 1 February, where we will discuss the need for further treatment, if necessary.

I want to thank Pastor Bob Reno of Berean Baptist Church in Puyallup, Washington for coming during a busy time in the ministry to be with me, my wife, and our sons during my surgery. We are all thankful for the encouragement he was to our family as he sat with my wife and sons during the surgery and allowed our sons to haul him across the city to see the "sights." Only heaven will reveal the blessing you have been to us!

Most extraordinary is the amazing recovery I have experienced. I am not 100%, and won't be for some time, yet I was well enough to leave the hospital after the second night. I have had little pain and discomfort along the way, and feel stronger each day. I know this is the direct result of the countless saints who have taken the time to pray specifically for me through this time. I cannot thank you enough for praying!

Please continue to pray for my Mom, Gail Jackson. She was released from the hospital in mid December. She did, however, have a further episode when my parents travelled to be with my grandmother to celebrate Christmas

together. My mother was again admitted to the hospital where they found even more infection in her body. She was released two nights later, and seems to be on the slow road to recovery. Please pray for a full recovery for her.

I am thankful for the three sons God gave us. They have been attentive to my needs during this time, taken care of their mother to the best of their ability, and carried out many of the ministry responsibilities. All three have taken turns filling the pulpit during my absence, and have done an excellent job. Lord willing, I will be back in the pulpit soon, but I am so thankful for young men I can rely upon during times like this. Of course, my wife has been by my side each step of the way, and I thank God for her.

During December we were able to meet with our landlord and his wife for a meal. They are always pleasant to spend time with, and we enjoyed this time, as well. We also try to use these times to be a witness to them for the Lord Jesus. They are nominal Catholics, so they know much of the terminology without understanding the reality and simplicity of Christ. Please pray our continued contact with them will result in their salvation.

We had some new visitors during the month of December. They are seeking the Lord's direction about membership with the ministry here. Pray for the Lord's direction and blessing on this decision.

We are looking forward to what the Lord will do with us during 2024. We have some plans designed to reach the lost with the Gospel on a greater scale than before, and we are excited to see how the Lord uses us throughout the year.

Thank you, again, for praying for me, my family, and our ministry in Edmonton. We are grateful for you!

Humbly His,