

Hello to all!

JANE SAMPSON----I hope that you are having a good Holiday season. We had a great time with family during Thanksgiving, and are looking to being home for Christmas, and New Years. My wife Jane is not doing so well. That's why I am writing. Some of you may not know, but this has been the roughest year my wife has had in her life.

In March she thought she had breast cancer, and had to have a lump removed. Thank God it was not cancer! The stress from going through that was very tough on her. Then in April our family went to Wales to help a couple of churches out with our mission work, and Jane got a blood clot in her leg while we were there. It was in the deepest part of her calf muscle. She had to have it treated, and is still on blood thinners. The clot has dissolved, but they are still taking precautions.

In May both of our Dad's got sick. My Dad had to go through Emergency Open Heart Surgery the 1st of June. Jane's Dad was getting very sick with a bad cough. In fact my Dad was on one floor, and Jane's Dad on another. My Dad got out, and has since recovered, but Jane's Dad found out he had Lung Cancer just after the 4th of July. They gave him 2-4 weeks, and he passed away on July 19, 2007. Her grandmother in West Virginia had a stroke the night before her Dad passed. She has Alzheimer, and is 85 years old. Her health is failing. In fact just last week (just before thanksgiving) she had another stroke. So of course Jane has had to deal with all this as well, along with some family issues with her siblings.

In September our schedule had us on the road for 8 out of 10 weeks. Jane was doing great in September, and seemed to be on the rebound with some of her emotions, and health. She had not traveled since our trip in April, so she was looking forward to getting back into a routine.

In October we started our road trip out near Baltimore, Maryland as I was in revival at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Just after the meeting we went to Baltimore and spent the day, and really enjoyed the day. The next morning Jane could hardly walk. Her back was really bothering her. I drove to Spartanburg, S.C. for my next meeting, and found that Jane had pulled a muscle in her back, after a visit to the emergency room. She rested all week, and was feeling a bit better. We went on to Virginia for our next meeting, and by the end of the week she was very sick.

I got to Corbin, Ky. for my last revival, and as soon as I pulled up to the hotel, Jane could hardly walk, and was extremely sick. I took her to the emergency room, and they admitted her for 3 days. She had a double kidney infection, and fungus in her blood stream. They treated her with strong antibiotics, and she was much better by Monday. Her blood was so thin, when we got to the E.R. she was at stroke level the doctor told us. How that happened we still don't know. She was taking her blood thinners, and had not changed anything. It is now under control.

Again she was better, and she decided to go last week to Jacksonville, Fl. with the family to help another church out. While we were there, she reinjured her back by just leaning over into a vanity to wash her face.

We got home the Monday before Thanksgiving, and she had a MRI on Tuesday. I got the preliminary report today (Friday after Thanksgiving) and the doctor informed us that Jane has a bulging disc in her lower back that is pushing into her spine. That is what is causing her all the pain, from her back to her foot, on the left side. She as of today can barely walk. On top of all that the disc is pressing on the nerve that leads to the bladder that tells you to go to the restroom. Jane has been able to use the restroom, which is a good thing, but if it gets worse it could be life threatening.

We had an appointment on Monday December 3, 2007. The doctor said that he wants to try some medicine, and some exercises first to see if she might improve by the 17th of December. He is trying to avoid surgery. As long as she stays in the house and rests, and takes her pain meds, she will be ok until time to see the doctor again on the 17th.

The Girls and I are home for now. We have 17 Christmas concerts booked this month, with most churches not being able to have Christmas plays, or cantatas. So we are home this month. I have a few things planned in January but we will be home. The next time we are on the road it will be the 1st of February.

Jane is resting comfortably here at home, only when she is on her pain medication. She is currently taking that every 4 hours.

I am asking you all to pray for her, and for our family. This has been a very tough year, but GOD IS STILL ON THE THROWN!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Jane's faith is strong in the LORD, but she is getting tired of all the pain! Please pray for the following;

1. For Jane that God will touch her body, and heal her.
2. Wisdom for the right doctor to take care of her.
3. Our finances
4. Our family, that we will be a Godly example through the trying of our faith.
5. MOST OF ALL THAT GOD WOULD RECEIVE HONOR AND GLORY FOR THIS TRIAL IN OUR LIVES, AND THAT IT WOULD DRAW OUR FAMILY CLOSER TO HIM, AND OTHERS TO THE SAVIOUR!

GRANADA TRIP AUGUST 15-26, 2008 In the months to come I will be talking about Granada, and Wales trips for 2008.

We are excited about the Granada trip in that it will be my 1st time there to the island, where the GPA youth missions will be working with GPA missionary Michael Jereimiah. We need to raise almost \$15,000.00 for this trip. Some of our monthly support will cover the cost of the materials we will need to purchase for the trip. But we need to raise \$5,000.00 for the renting of a soccer stadium, and a professional sound system for the meeting. We are trying to do a very large trip of 50 people to take on this trip. We also may have the Old Path Quartet going on this trip with us as well. If you would like to go please contact me at 219-805-8826. We are working on the price per person. Early estimates are around \$1800.00 That is subject to change. We should have the exact figures in a month or so.

WALES TRIP SEPTEMBER 19-OCTOBER 2, 2008 We are doing a Bible conference starting September 21, 2008 for Pastor Darren Rogers in Wales. This will be his 1st time organized Bible conference. We are excited about this trip. This trip will cost our family around \$6,000.00 We will give more details about this in the near future. Thank you for your SUPPORT, LOVE, AND PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY.

We love you all! Please tell who ever you want about this, and keep us in your prayers.
Thank you all, and have A Merry Christmas!

Your missionaries,
Billy, Jane, Emily, Ashley, and Sarah Sampson