

Thanks to so many of you for asking about Derrol, and for keeping us in your prayers. For those who will be uplifting us tonight and in church tomorrow, here is our Thanksgiving report!



We saw the surgeon on Monday with high hopes that there would be a good report. We learned that his retina is "crumpled with fluid beneath it." After listening to the plans for another major surgery, which involves placing a belt around everything to hold it in place; remembering that he told us at best it's a 50% chance of success, we are considering asking him to remove the silicone gel from inside his eyeball and be done with the interventions. It's not the surgery as much as the medications afterward that concern us. We have several friends who have lived most of their lives with one eye. So we will be seeking the Lord for wisdom between now and our next appointment, on December 8. We believe that man's extremity is God's opportunity. "Now faith is the substance (confidence) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

We do praise our heavenly Father for the lessons we are learning through this. And we had a **wonderful blessing** the day before Thanksgiving! The hospital has completely forgiven their part of the expense for the surgery and emergency room visit. What a beautiful way to go into the Thanksgiving weekend! This is a major answer to all of your and our prayers, and we thank each of you for keeping us on your prayer list.

We still have the doctor's bill to deal with, but based on how God has helped us in the past, we continue to trust and know that He will make a way.

Here is a quote that has encouraged us:

"In whatever place we are called by the providence of God, we may confidently expect that God will be our helper. We are not to be a toy to circumstance, but to be above circumstances... When we are placed in trying positions and find things about us that we do not like, that try our patience, and a test our faith, we are not to sink down in despondency, but to take a firmer hold upon God, and prove that we are not setting our affection on things on the earth, but on things above; that we are looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Jesus is to be the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He is to be our strength in every time of trial." Our High Calling 339

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Thankful and resting in His love,

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