



November 6, 2008 Update on Derrol

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Thank you so very much for your continued prayers and encouragement! So many have been inquiring as to the news on Derrol- thank you for caring so much! We've had quite an adventure but God is faithfully seen us through.

Since the last update Derrol developed a thrombophlebitis (a deep blood clot) in his lower left leg. We are not sure why this happened, perhaps due to the medications or the fact that all exercise was banned, even a walk. (The doctor wanted to avoid the chance of Derrol tripping and jarring the eye. He made several changes to the four medications. One medication was used from the beginning and we were suspicious that it was part of the problem, because the pain began while on the first four drops. It increased after the change, to the point of even a light touch causing Derrol to double over. He began to drag that leg. We phoned and asked to discontinue that drug. Then the pain eased considerably, although it was still an issue and the swelling continued.

We spoke with a kind physician in eastern Washington who believes in the benefits of natural remedies. He encouraged us to exercise and drink plenty of water, as well as cooperating with the surgeon in every way that doesn't violate the principles of health that we have been given. We began hot and cold treatments, started juicing and consuming plenty of greens and certain herbs that assist in the circulation of the blood. We learned that a 1/4c of grape juice is equal to one aspirin in regards to thinning the blood. Derrol began walking and light exercise.

Since the surgeon's office is located in Spokane (roughly a two and a half hour drive from our home) we decided to spend the weekend in the Kettle Falls area prior to our November third appointment. We attended the Kettle Falls Church, and requested that they call the elders to anoint Derrol. This was a great blessing and we believe God is answering those prayers.

We saw the surgeon on the third. He gave Derrol leave to exercise as much as he wanted, using common sense. He told us that there was improvement in the eye, but the pressure reading was too high (it was 27; normal is 20 and lower) and he would have to prescribe another medication. This was not good news to us but we obtained the medication and began using it. However that night Derrol's head was numb, and his lymph nodes were enlarged. We decided to pray and ask God to work a miracle for us. We left off the medications except for one to which Derrol had not seemed to react.

Tuesday a friend who runs a wellness center south of Bonners Ferry phoned and told us about Eyebright tincture. We began washing the eye out twice daily with it. On Wednesday another friend

phoned and told us about aloe, and she loaned us a huge aloe plant. We began using that also, three times that evening. Derrol wasn't sure if it was his imagination or not, but he seemed to see a little better. He liked that so well that he began treating both eyes!

The next day we went into Sandpoint to have the pressure checked by our local optometrist. We were thrilled when the pressure reading came in at 21! And his good eye improved from a normal reading of 20, to a 19. We have continued the treatments, but today the doctor in Sandpoint got a reading of 27 again. We are not sure what is the reason but we will pray that by Thursday's appointment it will be down again.

We are very thankful for all the beautiful and caring people who have been in contact with us and enlightened us regarding these remedies. Some have sent Mannatech's Phytaloe and others Healing Leaves Antioxidant formula, others still have sent us powdered greens, all of which products are power-packed with nutrition and healing properties. We could not have made it this far without the help that you have given, and we thank God for every one of you. Each of these God-given blessings was a part of His answer to our prayer at that anointing service.

We look forward to our next appointment with the surgeon the week of Thanksgiving. At the last appointment he told us that it would be months before the next surgery, but the eye needed to stabilize before that could happen. He told Derrol that it would be six months before the oil would be removed from the eye. The purpose for the oil is to keep the retina in place as it heals. The problem is that there is something floating around in the oil and blurring Derrol's vision. The doctor explained that when he removes the oil, the blurriness will clear up because whatever is floating around in there will come out with the oil.

Derrol's eyes feel great, and the leg is virtually down to its normal size. It isn't pain free yet but it only bothers him at night. We ask you to pray that we will have a good reading on Thursday and when we see the surgeon we will get a different assessment as to the length of time before the last surgery and for the time the oil needs to be left in the eye.

Some have asked about the finances. We have applied for assistance and received a 50% discount from the hospital, for which we are very grateful. We have not yet received the bill from the surgeon. Although the finances aren't as important as the sight, still we appreciate your prayers in that regard. We trust that God is in control.

"How precious in time of need is the assurance on union with Jesus!.. We can say, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation?"—No, for this makes us feel that Christ alone is our refuge and we flee to Him for shelter. "Or distress?"—No, for He is our consolation. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort: who comforteth us in all our tribulation..." 2 Corinthians 1:3,4." Our High Calling p. 321

"It is our privilege to be suppliants, to ask anything and everything of God, submitting our request in submission to His wise purposes and infinite will." OHC 318..

We'll keep you posted! God Bless!

Derrol and Cindy