Helping train third world missionaries

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"Vacation" — Again?!

Once again on August 18, Robert checked into his favorite (not!) luxury "vacation" spot for another five days of enforced rest (if you can call what he got rest!). Room service was included in his get-away package and he was waited on hand and foot! © I was even allowed to visit all day each day. My unending gratitude goes out to my sister-in-love Ruth and niece Deborah for caring for Mom at home whenever I was with Robert in the

Even on "vacation" this man is not on vacation. Part of the time he didn't feel up to working, but he did ask for his computer towards the end of his stay.

hospital, as I still haven't learned how to be two places at once! ©

A stroke was ruled out as the cause of the symptoms for which the doctor ordered Robert to the ER. His cardiologist verified that the clot in Robert's heart had dissolved, so he was finally able to do the cardioversion (electric shock) which, thank God, did put Robert's heart back into sinus rhythm. He's on medication to help keep it there. And they're still trying to regulate his blood pressure. After three visits to the ER and two hospitalizations in just under two months, we're hoping that this is the last one for a while! He's tired. I'm tired too. Good sleep would help me—chronic severe sleep deprivation is draining. Please pray for strength for us both, and sufficient sleep for me as I care for Mom and Robert as well do as the other usual things.

Joyous Calling

Robert's ministry with ProMETA continues to be a joy to his heart. He loves what he does and the people he works with. The fact that he is helping train third world missionaries to take the Gospel around the world is very fulfilling to him. He is much-loved by the ProMETA staff and students alike, and his skills are being well utilized. This feels like the destiny for which God has been preparing Robert all along. **Thank you**, precious friends and family, for supporting us with your friendship, prayers and gifts which allow us to serve God in this way! Please pray for more energy and strength to pour into his work.



Nathan Is Doing Fabulously

Many of you have been praying for our grandson Nathan who had surgery in June to expand his sunken chest. Thank you so very much! God answered wonderfully and Nathan has made an amazing recovery. At his two-month check-up recently, his doctor removed the stringent post-surgical restrictions. PTL!

Another Surgery



Our Costa Rican colleague Yorleny needs surgery as soon as possible for a large benign tumor on her ovary. She and her husband also need increased support for their ministry in Costa Rica



Grandson Nathan (13) on the occasion of his two-month post-surgical check-up. He has grown an inch since his surgery and makes the two of us look short!

and Panama. Yorleny Manuel Porras have joined Partners in Joy (PiJ), and can now be supported through PiJ like we are! Their ministry page can be viewed on the PiJ webpage (www.partners-in-joy.org/the-porras-family) and donations can be made from there or mailed to the PiJ address below.



On the Lighter Side...

Mom is such a joy to have in our home! We have a lot of fun. Case in point, this picture where we are both laughing our heads off about my horrible attempts to take a selfie of us. She enjoys getting out to Sunday School as well as occasional outings with me to do some grocery shopping, and of course to her requisite doctor appointments (not quite as enjoyable). © Some things are getting harder for her to do independently, but she soldiers on with help when necessary.

Praise and Prayer

- Praise for a fulfilling ministry that brings Robert joy. Pray for energy to pour into it.
- **Praise** that the clot in Robert's heart has now dissolved without doing damage, and his heart is back in sinus rhythm. **Pray** that God will keep it there. **Pray** for his blood pressure to normalize.
- I long for consistent good sleep and energy. Would you ask God for that for me?
- **Pray** for our Costa Rican colleagues Manuel and Yorleny Porras, for increased support, and for a soon appointment and good outcome for her much-needed surgery.