



Covid and Cataracts

Our last newsletter was barely on its way to you when my brother Stu and his wife Ruth, who care for Mom in their home now, came down with covid. I went over often to help out with Mom, and a week later, Mom and I both got covid. Mom bounced back to health amazingly quickly. Just when I thought my quarantine was over, I got rebound covid and was down for another ten days. I had great care between Bob and a traveling nurse who is a guest in our home. And the audiobooks which my daughter thoughtfully got for me turned the otherwise somewhat miserable three weeks into a lovely staycation. Thankfully Robert has thus far been spared from getting covid. Healthwise he is holding his own but still battling blood pressure and kidney function issues among others.



In mid-August I had cataract surgery. It went very well, praise God. I'm eager to get the second eye done on September 6th. Please pray for the best possible outcome, as my vision in that eye is poor enough that the surgeon expects only 50% improvement—still, 50% is much better than none!



Breath of Fresh Air

In August, Robert's nephew Matt Reed and his wife Lina refreshed us with a several-day visit on their way back to Mexico and their ministry there after dropping their kids off at college. Matt and Lina are a truly breath of fresh air, exuding the love of Jesus, and we had so much fun talking and laughing and caring and sharing!

Mom

Mom's confusion has increased noticeably in recent months but she seems to be adjusting better now to the big move from



I help Mom with her nails

my house to Stu and Ruth's which she made the end of March. Moves can be incredibly hard on dementia sufferers. I try to have lunch with Mom almost daily, usually bringing a meal to share. My visits seem to spark joy for her which makes me happy, and hopefully my visits also give others a tiny bit of respite in caring for her.

Ministry Moment

One of Robert's ProMETA students, Yorlenny Porras, has been suffering tremendously from joint inflammation—to the point of sometimes being bedridden. She and her husband Manuel have a thriving ministry among the indigenous people of Costa Rica and Panama. Please pray for God to heal her from this illness. Manuel and Yorlenny also have need of a four-wheel drive car to help them get to the remote villages, and a property to call home and to use for ministry. Please ask God to provide.



Robert is in his element teaching, advising, and mentoring staff and students at ProMETA. He probably speaks Spanish more than English these days. One of his foci is working with another ProMETA faculty member to tailor training for Indigenous pastors and Christians to help them be more effective in reaching their own people within their worldview and cultural perspectives.

We appreciate each one of you who makes our ministry possible! **Thank you, thank you, thank you** for your friendship, encouragement, prayers, and donations.

Praise and Prayer

- Pray for Robert's health and for energy to throw himself with vigor into the ministry he loves so much.
- Praise God for the good results of my first cataract surgery, pray the same for the second eye.
- Praise God that we all came through covid well and that Robert didn't get it.
- Pray that I will minister well to Mom (and to those who care for her) through my visits.
- Pray for Yorlenny's health and for God to provide for all the needs in their family and ministry.

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