Reed Reflections

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Fun Times—Houseguests and More!

Our Chinese "daughter" Rebecca's mom, Li, arrived mid-April from China for Rebecca's graduation from vet tech school and for an extended visit. Li speaks no English and I speak no Chinese, so our interactions can get comical! Li does not know Jesus. Please pray for her salvation.

New friend Mary Hunter, missionary from Ecuador, came the end of April for a week-long workshop. Our pre-workshop girly shopping and lunch plans were postponed at the last minute for a "fun" ER visit for Robert. This ER visit broke a lovely three or four-month stint with no emergencies.

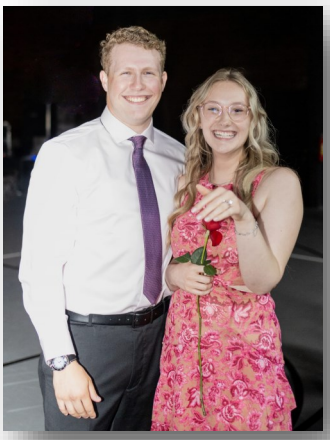
With a resting pulse of 155, Robert was again fast-tracked to an ER room and subsequently held over-night. He was bummed that he had to stay. I was bummed that the room was tiny and didn't have the usual comfy couch that doubles as a bed for me. Instead it had an ancient uncomfortable narrow recliner. My daughter, who knows these chairs well, joked that I should ask for 75 pillows and a roll of duct tape. I did and we all had a laugh. I threatened only half-jokingly to join Robert in his bed before the night was over. I was exhausted already, having gotten a total of five hours of sleep in the previous two nights combined. I did *not* look forward to yet another sleepless night on the hospital torture chair.

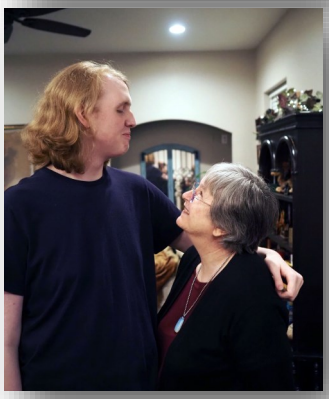
But God surprised me with a good five hours or more of sleep despite the chair, the recurring BP checks, blood draws, etc., and an all-night "party" outside our door. I should have brought the hospital chair, party noise, and nurse visits home with me to ensure a good sleep every night! 😉 Despite the surprising night's sleep, I did opt for a torture-chair-free nap in Robert's bed while we waited for his release. All the hilarity helped make the hospital visit more enjoyable—for me at least!—and maybe for Robert too. I mean, he does look pretty happy!

Blessedly, Robert's health has been more stable again since his hospital visit. His kidney function could use prayer.

On May 12th my sister Sylvia's husband Andy stopped in overnight, all the way from Papua New Guinea via Mexico for meetings. It was a blessing, as always, to have him in our home! I think you'll love their short Kaluli Scripture dedication video —it's so poignant: https://bit.ly/3yF8gj3. Bringing God's light into dark places is what our ministry is about, too.

The Fun Ramps Up!





May was an exciting month! Our granddaughter Deborah and her Ryan thrilled us all with their **engagement**. Next came Deborah's **graduation** from Navarro College with an AA degree, followed by her high school graduation. Rob joined us from Seattle for this momentous occasion. What a glorious visit that was! It was such a joy to have our immediate family of four together again, as well as our extended family.

I will close by pointing out that I really look up to my youngest grandson, Nathan! He is now 6' 7.5" tall. He faces surgery June 10 to remove the bars from his chest, inserted three years ago to make more room for his heart and lungs. Please pray for his surgeon, and for excellent results.

Thanks for teaming up with us as we prepare Hispanic pastors and missionaries for effective ministry and as we seek to reflect God in our daily lives and give the King our all. You who pray, encourage, and give will be rewarded for the fruit that results from our efforts together. (Philippians 4:17)

Praise and Prayer

- Pray for health and energy to live each day with vim and vigor for our Kingdom work.
- Pray for Nathan's June 10 surgery to be safe and successful.
- Pray for Li's salvation.
- Pray for constantly increasing spiritual depth and vitality for us, our kids, and our grandkids.
- Pray that ProMETA, the online school we work with in Costa Rica, will flourish for God's glory.

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