

Reed Reflections

...from the desk of Judy Reed



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING, Y'ALL!



Diving In Again...

I walked into the doctor's office the other day expecting good news. But I could tell by the way he pored over several scans of my brain that he didn't like what he was seeing. Long story short, the previous treatment didn't do all that he was hoping it would do, so he is pulling out bigger guns.



Instead of declaring victory, I am diving once more into time-consuming and unfortunately costly treatments. I am disappointed, but **God's got this!** Thank you for praying us through this new leg of our journey.

I am thankful to be under the care of a doctor with a reputation for being able to help people whose oncologists have given up on them. Patients come from around the world to be treated by him. I am also grateful that most of my treatments over the last nearly two years have had little or no side effects and that I have been able to continue working part time on ministry-related things as well as hanging out with Mom and with the grandkids and doing household chores. My last three-month treatment,

however, did exacerbate my pre-existing head-to-toe neuropathy. Please pray for the nerve pain to subside. It is somewhat limiting.

Man of Many Talents

Robert is currently revising his anthropology course to help third world missionaries understand and communicate more effectively within the cultures to which God has called them to minister. He is also writing an anthropology textbook and one on intercultural education. When he's not doing that or fleshing out any of more than a dozen other courses—or driving me to appointments—you might find Robert in the kitchen. He can make a mean omelet, among other things! He took over making many of his meals when I began almost two years ago eating according to my doctor's recommendation (a diet that didn't appeal to Robert). He has continued ever since. I am so blessed to belong to this wonderful man! Thank you, Husband, for the many ways you take such good care of me!



In Other News...

I just love having Mom living here with us! I think she and I are good for each other. **Mom turns 90 this month**, and the festivities have already begun. She celebrated recently with her friends at the retirement center where she lived for nine years. A highlight of that celebration was watching a short video of Mom's life that my sister Sylvia in Papua New Guinea made. We plan to show that again at her party on her actual birthday.

Our grandson **Nathan**, whom you prayed through a surgery for malrotation, has been having digestive issues again. Please pray for wisdom for the doctor and Nathan's parents as they try to figure out what is going on and how to help him.

Thank you for walking this journey with us, for hanging in there with us over the long haul. Some of you have been on our "team" for close to 45 years! And some of you have given sacrificially to help us get through these past couple of years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



My brother Stuart and myself with Mom at her early birthday



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Praise

- The joy of having Mom here
- God's gifts of peace and hope
- The loving, caring, praying friends, family, and supporters with whom God has blessed us

Prayer

- Better sleep for me and continued healing for both Robert and myself
- For grandson Nathan's health issues
- Wisdom for Robert in course creation
- God's provision for the needs of our supporters and for our ongoing needs

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