

Peace's Update

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Pray with us

As we were getting ready to send this update, Emily called and said Avi had left a message on her phone for us to call them. We just spoke with Avi. His wife Bharati is undergoing tests to determine if some lumps are cancerous. They are very shaken. This is the couple that we met 21 years ago in our prepared childbirth classes. I prayed with Avi on the phone. Please ask the Lord to intervene on their behalf and to draw them unto Himself.

About 19 years ago Alfred came to study in NY where he first committed his life to the Lord and joined in B studies. He is now married, has 2 sons, and is settled in a city outside of Mumbai. His current job in IT is good, but the boss expects long hours. Alfred works on Saturdays and sometimes even Sunday afternoons. Please pray with us that he would find a new job allowing him time for rest, family, and some ministry. I read today in Exodus and am praying Ex 2:23, 25 for him. "Their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them."

Prayer Focus – 2 coffees and a cup of tea

Dave meet **P'neet** at a Café Coffee Day to catch up. They always talk about culture and adjusting since P'neet grew up in England and is adjusting to his family's homeland. Dave mentioned that he's reading "The Difficulty of Being Good". P'neet's face lit up; he put his hand out and shook Dave's hand and said, "I'm reading that too." It's about the ethical struggles of characters in a Hindu Epic and Dave sees it leading into conversation about the One who enables us to live ethically. They discussed having a group discussion but P'neet has been out of Delhi. Pray that the discussion will happen and that there will be open doors and open hearts in the discussion.

Dave meet his **Coffee friend** for an afternoon cuppa on Sunday. They discussed his career choices and Dave had a chance to pray for him. Pray that he will sense God's help in his personal and professional life and that he will desire to pray to the Living God more.

Cindy drinks many cups of tea at Shal's house. **Shal** suffers with flare ups of ulcerative colitis. This summer the Doctor hospitalized her for a night to do some tests. In India it would be very abnormal to stay in the hospital alone and her husband needed to stay with their son. Shal asked me to stay overnight. Upon arriving at her room and after some brief chit chat, I asked her if I should get us both a cup of tea. She was hoping I'd offer. We enjoyed the time together and often I feel like she is my Indian sister. I wish she was also my sister in Christ. Please pray for an open heart. Her colitis is under control right now which is very good.

Family News

In early August **Nate** returned to Dalat and the fun of dorm life, the sore muscles of soccer training, and the challenge of studies. It all keeps him quite busy.

I, **Cindy**, had a very nice trip to get **Emily** settled into College. She has chosen Houghton and it seems to be a good fit for her. Besides seeing both our college kids on their campuses, I had good family time

with both Mom's and siblings, and caught up with just a few friends. I enjoyed meeting **Josh's** friends at Wheaton and hearing about his summer at Northern Frontier camp. Driving in the US is a pleasure and I think the beautiful views of NY's Southern Tier Hwy was therapeutic and visually refreshing. Maybe you'd have to live in a developing country to understand that. I get more stressed than Dave does by the amount of rubble in Delhi which has increased as Delhi works to prepare for an International sporting event – the more work, the more rubble.

Dave survived 3 ½ weeks without me. He was pretty busy during that time with work. He spoke on one Sunday to fill in while the shepherd was away. He even traveled to Bangladesh to do training for a family who are moving to Beirut. It was during Ramadan and he was served a homemade feast.

Shanti Work

We have had more work over the summer ☺ with some new clients and old ones too. Dave has several potential clients for the fall but none have firmed up yet. Pray for negotiations to come thru. Cindy and a new associate are teaching communication skills (American English with Cultural appropriateness, mostly for writing but also for communicating to their American boss) to 3 Indian Managers for a US telecom company with an office in Delhi.

Last night 8 ETAs (English Teaching Assistants from the US) came for dinner (spaghetti, for those that miss American food) and discussion. Dave has been coaching them thru cultural adjustments as they assist Indian Teachers in elementary schools. Our work is fun – we meet interesting people.

We take encouragement from God's Word. In Ezekiel Dave noticed the oft repeated phrase, "then they will know that I am the LORD" and frequent reference to God's glory. Now reading in John, God's glory is in Christ and is given to his followers – that the world may know. Pray that in our daily lives we may be faithful in allowing Christ Glory to work in us that the world may know.

With thanks to you and for God's glory,
Dave and Cindy

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