

Greetings from the Vosburghs...

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Diagnosis: Rare Form of Cancer

I have to say that Linda and I did not see this coming at all!

What started on July 8 as a visit to my doctor to get help for a lingering cough and a two-day showing of blood turned into a twelve-day experience between two hospitals that included several kinds of tests, a five-hour surgery called an intestinal excision to remove a tumor, eight days of recovery, and more needle sticks than I could count. The result of all this was a diagnosis that I have a rare form of lymphoma cancer that will require eight monthly chemotherapy treatments. Each treatment session will take several days, so I will be admitted to the Simon Cancer Center at Indianapolis one week out of each month so that the therapy can be administered. Each visit will include one form of therapy delivered through a spinal tap for my brain and spinal cord; the other form will work throughout the rest of my body. The final treatment session will take place on March 6-10, 2017; and our earnest prayer, of course, is for these sessions to successfully eliminate any and all signs of cancer from my body.

Naturally, Linda and I have run the whole spectrum of feelings, thoughts, wonderings, etc. Twice we can say we were put back on our heels like never before – first at the news I had cancer, and second at the news of what treatment would be required to deal with it. Yet, through it all, as we engaged our brothers and sisters in Christ about our situation, we found strength and encouragement from every word given and every assurance of prayer for us. We've been humbled, overawed in gratitude, but most of all comforted and embraced in all of the love shown to us.

In my times of prayer, Scripture reading, and meditation on God's truths, I've been mentally chronicling numerous lessons being learned and applying a multitude of passages that I'm living like never before. As soon as I get the strength of voice back to do so, I am very certain that a testimonial sermon is forthcoming! In the meantime, if you haven't done so already, we invite you to join our Facebook page which is set aside to give praying friends and loved ones a way to track our journey. The page is labeled "Henry Vosburgh's Prayer Family." This is the easiest way to keep up with us as we walk this current road in life. Otherwise, we are trying to send occasional emails to our networks, and we are also available by phone or text message if you desire to check in.

We want to thank the Lord and you all for your concern, prayers, and communication with us. We have heard from hundreds of people through notes, cards, calls, texts, and visits – all so encouraging and comforting to us. We are so blessed; you have helped prepare us to be victorious in this journey.

Henry's Calendar ... Is Temporarily Closed ☺ But here is his Prayer List!

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- Pray for us to remain strong in the Lord during this time.
- Pray for the finances needed to cover my treatment. This will remain an unknown quantity to us for quite some time. Pray as well that we will not become anxious about costs.
- Pray for our son Lucas as he has been away in Vermont, watching and praying through this situation. Praise for his employer who has paid his airfare to return home over the Labor Day weekend to see us.
- Pray for the Lord to continue advancing his work through MCE while I am undergoing treatment – we added two new families to MCE while I've been out of commission!
- Pray for the Lord to heal me completely.