



## March - April 2018 Prayer Letter

G'day from Australia! Well, I can honestly say it has been an interesting few weeks. You will understand shortly why we are a little late with our prayer letter. It has been a very difficult past few weeks for me personally. I'll start at the beginning. I started feeling a little headache coming on and told Sonya that I needed to lie down. The speed at which the sickness came on was amazing. After two days of feeling like I had a bad flu, with high temperatures and vomiting and because I was unable to really stand, we called the ambulance and I went to the hospital. After about 4 hours in Emergency, they diagnosed me with the flu and sent me home to sleep it off with some over the counter cold and flu meds. I spent the next 5 days lying at home with a migraine headache, vomiting and and fevers of around 104. At this point, I was now vomiting blood and literally could barely function(sometimes even out of my head). We once again called for an ambulance and I was back in the hospital for 2 days. With the symptoms of a continuous high fever, excruciating headache and after doing a chest x-ray, the doctors "finally" determined that I had pneumonia. After two days in the hospital on antibiotics, they discharged me with a script to take the remainder of the antibiotics at home. I spent the next day and night suffering again from vomiting and temperatures of 104. So, the next morning we called the ambulance again. My heart was racing out of control because of the infection and my temperature spiked to 106 and the vomiting continued. Finally, with 2 different kinds of high strength antibiotics, they were able to bring my temperatures under control and properly fight this infection. After spending 3 more days in the hospital on intravenous antibiotics, they were able to discharge me and to finish the remainder of the antibiotics in the comfort of my home. So, here I am recovering at home. Because of the severity of my pneumonia, the doctor said it will be another 3 weeks of recovery. I must brag on my wife who has been incredible and tireless in helping to care for me. What a blessing she has been and continues to be. I also want to thank many of you who were praying for me during this time. It was truly encouraging to hear of the many prayers going up on my behalf. When you are sick and feeling so low what a blessing to know God's people are there for you. I am recovering and looking forward to getting back to preaching the Word. Thank you again!

### **Sonya's Journal**

First off, I want to say a great big THANK YOU for praying for Chris and for us during this time. Seriously, I can't begin to tell you what a blessing you have been to us. We have so much to share, but because of space, I will just share one major prayer request. Please pray for our neighbor, Lucille. She's visited our church on one occasion and has shared that she is searching. We've given her the Gospel, but up until now hasn't responded. I went to see her yesterday but because she was not feeling well I didn't stay long. She did share that she wanted to get together again and talk with me. I know this may sound funny. But, I feel encouraged when someone says that to me. Please pray the Lord will give me wisdom to share more with her. It can be so frustrating at times, as well. We want so badly for people to be saved. We have the truth; why is it so hard to accept it!! I'm excited to see how the Lord will work!

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