

Dear friends ---

We want to catch you up a wee bit on how things are going here ---But.... but ..... where do I start?

Christmas has come and gone and the New Year is well on its way! We received so many sweet Christmas cards and letters and how I wish I could answer each one personally, but alas that's just not possible anymore! We enjoyed sweet moments together with our family over the holidays! Starr and Matt's two sons that live in Mexico took turns coming up and, of course, Todd and Chelle and their wonderful family live close by! It's become challenging to find a place big enough for all of us to be together at once! Bri and Bubba shocked all of us announcing that great-grandbaby #14 will join the family in July! 😊

I keep waiting till we know better how to write, but I think we'd better just fill you in on how things are progressing as briefly as possible. The last time we wrote Paul had just started his first of six cycles of chemo and next week is due for the 4th round. HOWEVER, due to complications of fluid buildup in the left lung pleura area he's had some big challenges. Draining tubes and a trapped left lung and now some infection is taking its toll on him physically and he is feeling so lousy! He has lost a lot of weight. Yesterday morning he received a blood transfusion and we're praying it will perk him up. The type of cancer he has responds WELL to chemo -- but it's these other issues that are dragging him down.

SO --- **we covet** --- **we lean on** --- **we appreciate your prayers** concerning these things!

What a HUGE blessing our children are to us! It's wonderful to have both Todd and Chelle and Matt and Starr close by with all the ER visits and doctor's appointments! God is our gracious and loving heavenly Father and we praise and adore Him, confident that our days are in His loving hands! Thank you, sweet friends, for your loving support and prayers --- you are a HUGE blessing to us! We appreciate you more than words can express!

Lovingly,  
Faith and Paul