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Some hard news...

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Clark and Ann... building bridges!**September 2025****Dear Friends,**

The Lord has been very gracious to us in the midst of my blood cancer diagnosis (primary myelofibrosis). I have been memorizing Psalm 23 in the Hebrew Bible and it is dramatically encouraging: the first statement is just two words in Hebrew: **"LORD / Shepherd-my"**.

The Judgment of the Oncologist

That is the absolute "bottom line" for all of life.

I met with the oncologist ten days ago and he is not happy with my dropping hemoglobin levels. He feels that this calls for close clinical monitoring and perhaps increased medical treatment.

He said that he considers the lab results a "red flag" from a medical point of view and **he does NOT recommend travel to Germany at this point.**

If my hemoglobin level continues to drop, we will be looking at an unpleasant new spinal bone marrow test to see if the myelofibrosis has transmuted into a more aggressive form of blood malignancy.

The Consequences

Given this evaluation and the physician's recommendation, we have made the decision not to travel to Berlin this autumn as we

had planned.

This decision is, of course, is a major disappointment to us because the students will be starting the new semester there in October!

We also want to help the new "Hausparents", Brian and Denise, smoothly transition and get settled into the saddle in Haus Nazareth. We hoped to do this in a hands-on way. Now, we are communicating on Zoom. This is good, but face-to-face, where we can show and share, is much more substantial and satisfying.

Our prayer list is a bit longer this time than usual!**Would you please pray:**

- that God will continue to be glorified and
- that we would have clarity to sense His leading and
- that good relationships will continue to be built over the long-distance bridge;
- for wisdom, faith, and courage during this part of our life's journey,
- for the ability to internalize and reflect God's Light in these circumstances,
- for strength and help to get our affairs more organized and
- for vitality and Holy Spirit guidance to use ALL the time God gives us well.

Often God uses difficult life situations in unexpected ways for his glory!

We will keep you posted.

Thank you again for your prayers and support!

Yours because His,
Clark + Ann

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