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Answered Prayer

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I got my medication! Exactly two months after my last infusion, I was able to receive my next infusion for my arthritis medication. Thank you for praying. Many of you have checked in on me, and that was also very encouraging. Usually, the medication "kicks in" pretty rapidly. However, since I usually receive it every four weeks and went twice as long this time between infusions, it will take longer than usual.

I've been asking you all to pray for the medication. It's been a big focus of my prayers these last two months. However, there were so many things I want to thank God for as I waited for medication. I am thankful that I have always maintained my mobility, and I've had the flexibility in my schedule to reorder my tasks if necessary. For example, sometimes my fingers would hurt very badly and writing or typing tasks would require breaks.



I've had some wonderful time with friends recently. These two women have become very important parts of my life. Mari-Clare is such a wonderful, godly teacher. Jane meets with me regularly on Zoom to disciple me, and it was so wonderful to see her in the "real world." Both have the type of prayer lives I desire to have myself, and I love that I can text them whenever I need encouragement or prayer.



A local church, which in fact was the first church besides my own to support me as a missionary, began a young adults ministry. I'm excited to attend that group when I can and to get to know members of that church body before I leave.



Here is a picture from our latest youth group outing, which I thoroughly enjoyed and was actually somewhat decent at; call it luck rather than any actual football-throwing skill. Recently, we've also had our winter youth retreat and celebrated one of the student's birthdays. I not only love how much the kids enjoy spending time together but have enjoyed seeing them each grow. We've been studying some challenging topics, and all of them are delving into the lessons with thought and maturity. The older guys are really stepping up as leaders.

Austria Update

The university semesters are starting back up, and the Austrian Student Ministry has a packed calendar.

In the next two weeks in Vienna, there will be a long event called Dialogue Week. This event is a collaboration between the university ministry, a local apologetic ministry, and twelve churches in Vienna. There will be moderated discussions between a Christian and a Muslim, between a Christian and a Buddhist, and between a Christian and a skeptic. The discussions will be about the topic of suffering. A fourth conversation will be moderated about wokeness and cancel culture and will be between a Christian and the skeptic.

After the event, the twelve churches will pursue the attendees for follow-up. Interested students can hear from them more about what they either heard at Dialogue Week or about the gospel. These churches are already strategically preparing to receive them with courses or studies.

Some nationwide Austrian Student Ministry events are also happening later in the spring. I'll write more about them in my next newsletter.

Please join me in praying for and praising God for the following:

- **Praise** God that I got the infusion I needed for my arthritis. Tuesday, the weather was sunny and setting records for heat; yesterday, it was snowy and cold. The meds haven't quite kicked in yet to handle the extreme shift in weather. **Please pray** that they kick in quickly.

- My grandma and grandpa have both been having different medical issues. The closer I get to leaving for Austria, the more I struggle with the idea of possibly saying final goodbyes to both of these grandparents (and possibly other aging relatives). **Please pray** not just for their health and peace, but also for our time together. I was blessed to be able to see my grandma on the drive home from a church where I was presenting a few weeks ago. The visit was very difficult for a few reasons, but it was still a blessing to be able to visit.
- **Please pray** for my financial support to continue to increase each month. More important, **pray** that God would continue to mold me into someone that can better serve Him in the way He has planned for me in Austria. **Pray** that I will be teachable and that I will trust Him.
- **Please pray** for the Austrian students that are arriving back to school for this next semester. **Pray** for the upcoming events, particularly Dialogue Week.

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