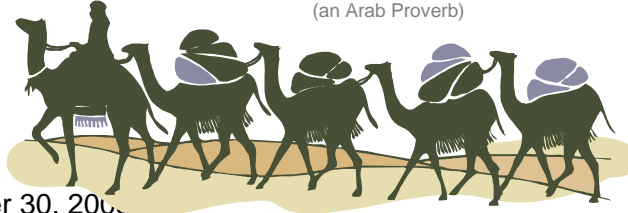


WHAT IS THE GREATEST CRIME IN THE DESERT?
FINDING WATER . . . AND TELLING NO ONE!
(an Arab Proverb)



September 30, 200

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Rick's radiation therapy has been put on hold, pending approval by our insurance company. As Mesothelioma is a relatively rare cancer, it seems that the treatment is also, and must therefore receive prior approval from the insurance company before the radiologist will begin – unless, of course, one is willing and able to pony up the \$50,000+ price tag in advance! We were told that approval usually takes months, but praise be to God, we received approval today by telephone – in a mere 5 weeks (James 5:16 in action). In the next week or two, we will travel to the clinic for a “fitting”, whereby Rick will lay on a bean-bag like cushion where the air will be vacuumed from the bag, leaving a solid impression of him. The radiologists will then make pinpoint tattoos on his skin to guide each successive treatment. Then, for five days a week for five weeks he will be driven to the clinic by the incredibly generous members of Geneva Presbyterian Church, plunked into his bean-bag mold, and radiated in a manner developed just for this cancer – that is to say – to radiate the virtual space surrounding the lung, without damaging the lung itself.

We really believe that the timing in all of this is of God, for not only will the radiation begin within the three month window since the operation, but it will begin late enough for Rick to attend the Board meeting of One Another Ministries before he becomes too debilitated from the treatments. And, Wow, how can we ever thank One Another Ministries for moving the Board Meeting from September in France to November in California – just so we could be there!

And of course, we continue to be amazed and very, very thankful for all who have and are praying for us around the world.

Truly, we are Under His Wing.

Rick and Irene

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