



## *Consider it pure joy*



Visiting Crystal in Kentucky  
Six weeks after heart surgery

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James 1:2-4 tells us to  
*"Consider it pure joy, my  
brothers, whenever you face  
trials ... so that you may be  
mature and complete, not  
lacking anything"*

These past eight weeks have  
given me plenty of time to  
consider these verses and even  
though it sounds like a  
paradox, God has taught me so  
much during this time. I can  
truly call it "pure joy" what I  
have been through, even  
though it has been painful.

On September 8, I visited a  
cardiologist because I noticed  
when I exercised my heart felt  
"different." I did not think it  
was a big deal but thought I  
should get it checked out, due  
to my family history. The  
doctor immediately scheduled  
a heart catheter test and, much  
to my surprise, the test  
indicated I had seven  
blockages that were 70 to 90  
percent blocked. Before I left  
that testing room, the doctor  
had already scheduled me for  
open-heart surgery at 5:30 AM  
the following morning.  
Needless to say, I was shocked.  
The surgery went very well.  
The surgeon did four artery

bypasses and cleaned out a  
fifth artery.

Three weeks after heart  
surgery I woke up with severe  
pain in my stomach. We were  
not sure what it was so Mary  
Kay took me to the  
emergency room, where we  
learned that I was suffering  
from an inflamed appendix.  
That afternoon my appendix  
was removed. This set me  
back a little in recovering  
from the heart surgery, but I  
am feeling much better now.

Throughout this whole ordeal,  
God has shown me there is so  
much to be grateful for.

- *God saw fit that I had  
these surgeries before leaving  
for overseas, where medical  
help may not be as accessible  
or competent.*
- *That my appendix attack  
occurred after the heart  
surgery – the other way around  
could have been fatal.*
- *That my pastor was able  
to visit with me minutes before I  
was wheeled into the operating  
room – he showed up just at the  
time I was the most fearful.*

- *The nurse taking care of  
me after my heart surgery was  
in Mary Kay's Sunday School  
class 13 years earlier. He took  
incredible care of me.*

- *When we get to the  
mission field, I will be in better  
physical condition than I have  
been in years.*

- *The prayer support we  
have received from friends and  
family has been incredible.  
Knowing there were so many  
people praying for me gives us  
great confidence that when we  
go to Thailand people will  
continue praying for us.*

- *God continues to teach  
me that we really are not in  
control – He is and He will  
take care of you!*

- *We are trusting the Lord  
that my recovery won't delay  
us in moving to Thailand since  
we have not been able to spend  
time raising our ministry  
support. Just as we had to  
trust the Lord for my health,  
we are trusting Him for more  
partners to commit to our  
monthly ministry support.*



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### *Praise*

- ◆ Over 50% of our monthly ministry support has been raised
- ◆ God has wonderfully provided for our family during this difficult period

### *Prayer*

- ◆ Wisdom to know when to sell our house
- ◆ Members to join our financial and prayer team
- ◆ Housing plans for our children
- ◆ Dwight's continued rehab and recovery.

## *What is Digital Publishing*

In previous prayer letters, I talked about Distance Education and how it can provide Biblical training to Christians in developing countries.

Another aspect of MAF's Learning Technologies is to provide Christian books in a digital format called digital publishing.

Christian books help you grow closer to the Lord and teach you about Scriptures. If you are a Pastor or Bible teacher, you rely on Biblical reference books and other materials to help you prepare your lessons or messages. By

using these books, you learn what God has taught other believers and you learn about the cultural or historical significance of events or objects you read about in the Bible.

We take for granted the abundance of books we have access to in the United States. For Christians in SE Asia, Christian literature is not as accessible.

Many are fortunate to have a Bible but do not have access to any other Christian books in their language. This is due to several reasons, including cost, security, and lack of

places to purchase them. As a result, they are unable to learn about Scripture and are limited in their Spiritual growth.

Through the use of digital publishing and devices such as those pictured on the left, Christians in SE Asia can have access to a whole library of materials, in a small, secure and cost-effective format.

***Please consider helping Christian Leaders in SE Asia have access to Christian books and resources in their own language by joining our ministry support team.***

## *Our ministry needs*

The next step for us in preparation for the mission field is to attend MAF's Non-Technical Orientation that is scheduled for April 2006.

For us to not be delayed in going to the mission field, **we need to raise \$2,800** more in monthly ministry support commitments. **\$1,952 is needed by January 16, 2006.**

This appears to be a large amount. However, just as God was faithful in watching over

me during my surgeries, I am confident He will be faithful in helping us raise our ministry support. We need monthly, quarterly, or annual commitments from churches, individuals, or businesses. Most individuals commit \$50 to \$100 a month.

We are grateful to those who have already joined our team. Many of you have indicated your desire to partner with us, but have not

yet done so. Please start in the next two months.

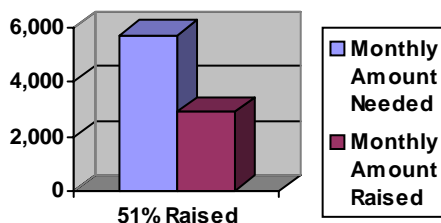
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*Monthly Goal*  
\$5,700



*Outgoing Goal*  
\$27,900

