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On January 23 at noon, Dr. Daniel Booser, my breast oncologist at MD Anderson in Houston, called me with the results from the recent MRI taken. They suspected that I possibly could still have cancer. He told me that the MRI was normal and that I was cancer free. I could hardly believe the good report. My heart welled up with the deepest gratitude to the Lord that I have ever experienced. You can imagine the relief I felt after being away from my home and the country that has become my home during these past eight months.

I have been through every test imaginable with many unexpected side effects, two reactions that landed me in the hospital, one with pneumonia, radiation, chemotherapy, herception (that slows the growth of the cancer), and a hormone blocker pill I will be on for the next seven years. Even though my cancer was discovered early and was stage one, it was an aggressive type of cancer, thus the need to continue the herception intravenous treatment for the next several months.

We are finally on our way to return to the Dominican Republic on January 31. I will continue my herception treatments there until the end of August.

We are so eager to pick up our ministry where we left off, even though I still need time to recuperate and regain my energy, which remains low.

Luis has been in constant touch with the folks who have been responsible with our ministry. It seems to have been going very well while we have been in Texas. They are as excited for us to return as we are to be with them. We very much miss our ministry, the relationships we have formed, our neighbors, and the families we visit frequently.

Luis and I are very grateful for all the ways you have supported us on this long journey. We deeply thank you for your prayers, cards and emails, words of encouragement, financial contributions, visits, and lifting our spirits in many ways. My husband has been the real anchor and support to me during this time. This trial has taken a toll on him, as well. I could not have gone through this challenge without all he has done for me. I cannot praise God enough for allowing him to be with me during this time of uncertainty.

We look forward to sending our next letter that will give an update on how our ministry is going. It will be wonderful to finally sleep in my own bed!

We send you our upmost gratitude and much, much love.

♥ *Luis & Julie*

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