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This newsletter will not be as upbeat as our last letter. Just a few days before we left New York for the Dominican Republic, I was diagnosed with cancer in my right breast. The biopsy that confirmed the malignancy was detected just one day before we left. Since we are now back in the Dominican Republic, we have decided to have the surgery here to remove the cancer. It just did not seem prudent to turn around and return to New York, since it is very expensive for two air-flights, car rentals, eating out, parking, etc., plus staying in another's home, although our guest is most welcoming and generous. It is also difficult for me to get my administrative work done while in another person's home. I am so behind in answering email, letters, and keeping up with all kinds of other administrative details. I know that you understand and will be patient with us.

We have been to very good doctors here who seem to have the same approach to the surgery that we had in New York. We feel confident that we are in good hands and dealing with some of the best doctors here. Naturally, this has me very anxious and stressed, but we know the Lord is in control and we are in His loving hands. We are praying and trusting Him for a good outcome.

We are continuing our ministry as always. We want to have the surgery as soon as possible, as we have visitors from the U.S. visiting us in June and in July, as well. We also have a very important conference for a week in July that will be hosted by Christian believers from Haiti. It is a conference for both Dominicans and Haitians to help understand how to best unite the two cultures and countries into better relations between one another. The conference will be held here in the D.R., and we do not want to miss it.

We are writing this letter mainly to ask for prayer. The surgery is planned to take place at the end of this week, May 30. Please pray for me to be able to be as calm as possible, so my blood pressure will be normal, and they can operate. Please pray for the doctors and for the Lord's hand to guide them, no infection, and for my husband, who is very worried for me.

We are including a support financial envelope, should the Lord lead you to give toward this need. We have some insurance here, but it is not enough to cover much of our expenses, medicines (which are expensive) gas to and from the hospital, which is an hour and a half from here. We have had to make many trips to the hospital facility for tests, biopsies, consultations, etc., since the doctors are not as familiar with me and my history as in New York.

Thank you for your consideration of our need, that has been an unexpected surprise. You have always been there for us throughout all of these years. We know that we can count on you again.

How grateful we are to be in ministry partnership with you and for the many ways you have blessed our lives. May the Lord return to you double fold for the generous ways you have sacrificially been a part of our lives.

Love, *Luis & Julie*

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