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## To God Be the Glory!

By

**Carla Frazier**

On March 31st, I went to the office and was called to check on Russ. When I arrived at the house, I found that he was shivering and shaking. I ran to the campus clinic to get assistance from one of the physician assistants. The PA came to the house to check him out but by then the symptoms had seemed to subside. So, he recommended that we observe him.

Nearly 12 hours later, the symptoms returned with greater force. He was shivering and shaking violently. I checked his temperature, his blood pressure, and called the PA. The PA was not on campus, but was returning to campus soon. When I checked his temperature, it was 105.2. Russ asked me about his temperature but he immediately passed out. I began praying out loud: "Jesus, help us!" I called the PA and asked him to come directly to our house as soon as he returned to campus. The PA finally arrived on campus, took Russ' vitals, and said that we needed to stabilize him before we take him to the hospital. Finally, they were able to get him into the campus ambulance and on his way to the hospital.

Dorcas, Russ' assistant, and I followed the ambulance. He had not been responding since he fell unconscious. My only consolation was that he was breathing – even though he was breathing heavily. One passage of scripture that consoled me was "I will lift my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121).

When we arrived at the hospital at 11:10 p.m., they placed Russ in the Resuscitation Room. Later, they put him on a ventilator in the ICU. At 4 a.m. on Friday, missionary friends, Rod and Sarah Reed, Dorcas and I had prayer and left the hospital to go to the missionary compound which is much closer to the hospital than the University campus.

After two hours of sleep, I returned to the hospital. The doctors were puzzled and didn't know what was going on; they were running tests and found evidence of seizure activity. We didn't know what we were facing. I didn't know what the future held, but thankfully, God holds the future.

On Saturday morning, I met with Dr Silverstine, the head physician, who reported that Russ was responding. We were able to go into his room and see him. He was still on all the tubes, ventilator, facing kidney dialysis, but he was talking – even speaking in French. So, I knew that he would be okay.

The doctors later confirmed that Russ had suffered from septic shock. Dr Silverstine had indicated that he only had a 30% chance of living when he was admitted to the hospital. We are grateful to a wonderful team of doctors, to all of our family and friends in Africa, the US and all around the world for your support and prayer! Most of all, we are thankful to God for his touch upon Russ' life! Indeed, Russ' healing was a miracle!

**"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5 NIV**

## BRIEF UPDATES

Russ and his assistant Dorcas will be traveling to Cote d'Ivoire to attend a meeting about the French institution from 4th to 5th August.

## "Movements

Carla and I had a wonderful time visiting churches, friends and family during the month of June and July. During the month of June, we visited churches in Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee. (We had to cancel a portion of our home assignment due to my illness.) We are so grateful to all of the pastors, NMI presidents, and members of churches for their support. We appreciate greatly your prayers and your financial support! We recently returned to Kenya on July 24. (We are still hoping that our four pieces of luggage will come through as of July 26, 2022.)

We also enjoyed spending time with family during our vacation time in the US. It was a joy for us to see our parents, siblings, aunts, cousins, children and grandchildren. Sometimes, it is hard to arrange all the visits when family is spread apart. We really enjoyed spending time with our grandchildren! They are so precious to us.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

### NEW WEBSITE

Our website was redesign and launched. Take a tour of the new features by visiting: <https://frazierministry.com/>

- We thank God for a wonderful visit to the United States. Thank God for the churches and your support. We were grateful for an awesome time with our family.
- We are grateful for traveling mercies in our travels in the US and our return trip to Kenya.
- Please pray for Russ as he travels to Côte d'Ivoire for meetings about the new French educational institution.
- Pray for Carla as she organizes a Work and Witness team of 31 members. We are grateful to the Michigan District for its support of the ongoing mission of the University.
- Pray for the upcoming graduation ceremony which will take place on July 29. Pray that the graduates will go out to make a difference in their world.
- Pray for the coming new semester which will begin in August. It will be the first semester that is fully open after closures due to Covid.

## Upcoming Home Assignments

**2023 (May 15 to June 30) OPEN**

If you would like to have us for a service, please let me know at [jrussellfrazier@gmail.com](mailto:jrussellfrazier@gmail.com). We would love to come and visit your district for services.