



THE FIJI TIMES

News from Paul and Martha Daku
Missionaries to Fiji and the South Pacific
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UPDATE ON MARTHA'S HEALTH: Twenty-five treatments of radiation were completed on 28th April, then a six-week break for healing to take place. On June 14th, we had a big day in Pittsburgh with two doctor's appointments, a CT scan of the chest and an MRI of the leg/tumor. The results were amazing and we are praising the Lord. There is still no spread of the cancer and the tumor is still confined to the tissue. The surgeon was pleased with the test results, so surgery to remove the tumor is scheduled for Wednesday, 23 June. There is a somewhat higher risk of infection after surgery when radiation is done first, so please pray that surgery will go well and the wound will heal properly. We know that these good results are because so many have prayed. Praise the Lord for his goodness and thank you for praying!

MINISTERING ANGELS: In this journey of cancer that we are going through together, the Lord has sent to us many ministering angels! (Hebrews 1:14). One devotional we read said that sometimes angels come to us in the form of our friends. We have received many greeting cards, words of encouragement, gift cards, food, financial gifts to help with our extra expenses, and even people to help with some tangible needs. The washer and dryer needed moved from our basement to the first floor to make it easier for Martha after surgery. So the Lord provided four "angels" to complete the job: two electricians and two plumbers. Thank you, men for a job well done and thank you to all the other angels who have ministered and do minister. We have experienced the love of God in a special way, demonstrated through His people.

UPDATE ON FIJI: The ministry continues under the capable hands of Josh and Frances, as they hold the ropes for several churches. As you know, our son, Paul and his family are in the USA for medical reasons. Scot and his family were due to return to Fiji in April 2020, but are still in US due to the virus. Even though there are nationals in place to oversee Paul and Scot's churches, there are still things that Josh needs to take care of regarding those ministries. When you add up the vehicles for our four churches, there are six transport vans that need to be serviced, inspected and repaired on a regular basis. That in itself is a big job, not to mention paying all the bills, overseeing the finances and ministering to the people. The virus escaped into the community in April, so church services and certain areas of the country have been on lockdown since then. Josh has been live-streaming the church services and also recording a 1-hour children's Bible club each week. And in addition to all that, Josh is overseeing the ongoing building construction in Raki Raki. Things are progressing albeit rather slowly. Recently the doors and windows were installed. We will soon be able to use the building for church services. Pray for Josh and Frances as they carry this heavy load of responsibilities. They definitely had to hit the ground running back in February and have not stopped running since!

We are praying about the timing of our return to Fiji. Right now, the borders are closed to citizens and non-citizens due to the virus which is on the rise there. So we will wait for HIS guidance and HIS timing in all of this. Thank you again for partnering with us through prayer and financial support!

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