

KAREN'S HEALTH UPDATE

A week ago on Facebook, I quoted a proverb by Thomas Palmer when he said, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again." This certainly applies to our faith journey concerning the diagnosis of Karen's ovarian cancer on September 2, 2017. On September 14, she began what Gynecological Oncologists call, "The Gold Standard". It is the first and usually most effective first-line chemo treatment, which gives the hope for a cure and complete recovery. After undergoing a long awaited CT scan on Thursday, December 22, our Oncologist called our home the very next day. It was not welcomed news. She said the Gold Standard treatment that Karen was taking was not working. The cancer and tumors were resisting what had normally worked for 80% of women being treated for ovarian cancer. We were shocked. Karen will have surgery on January 11 at 2:00 pm. The tumors have to come out and they need to analyze their substance, so a new regimen of chemo therapy could be recommended. This surgery could have some challenging complications, so please keep praying. The plan is for Karen to recover from her surgery for a month and then begin a second-line of chemo, probably in mid-February. We are anticipating six monthly treatments, but it is still uncertain.



Our hope and faith in God remains strong, but it has been exceptionally hard. We covet your continued prayers as we move forward with this new plan. We certainly claim the promise of Jeremiah 29:11-14, *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord.*"

Will you stand together in prayer with us?

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