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Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

This is Gloria writing to you for prayers on behalf of Leon.

Thursday the 16th of November: Around 7: pm Leon had a stroke while sitting in his chair in front of the computer. I was on my way out to go get some groceries when I called Leon to say goodbye. He did not answer and then I heard a gurgling sound—and I knew it was serious. Bronson and family got here a few minutes before the ambulance.

We are not yet sure of all the details. It does not seem to be a hemorrhagic stroke. There seems to be an infarction (blockage). Leon moved too much for a better CT scan. He has a very irregular heartbeat. His blood pressure is ok, but up a bit since this ordeal. It seems to be neurological and we are waiting for that diagnosis.

He is in ICU and they are bringing the sugar down slowly and checking every hour. The last time (around 2: am) it was down to 280 from 400.

Leon has diabetes and his sugar has been too high for months, and that the doctors say is a probable cause. He also has a diabetic sore that has not healed (also for months). The meds he was taking were no longer working and insulin was the last option the Dr. desired for him to do. Leon is insulin resistant and has wanted to do things naturally—and still the sugar did not ever come down for any length of time.

When we left our home Leon was not reacting with his left arm and leg and he was not able to speak. He is tongue tied and struggles to say words. After we arrived at the hospital and some time went by, some things did improve. He was able to lift his arm and even later squeeze my hand. He was also able to lift his leg. His left side is very weak though. Leon could also say clearly the first three words of a

sentence, and then the rest of the sentences were garbled. Neither Bronson nor I could understand.

Leon does know who we are and is able to understand most all we are saying. He really perked up after midnight when he saw his little grandson Eamon (1 year). Leon said his name and then said “Are you a good boy?” which all of us could understand.

From emergency to ICU, Jib and Bronson were by our side and took care of so much in every detail, until we left around 2: am.

Friday the 17th: Things are about the same. He is fighting all the tubes and they have to tie his hands and feet to the bed railing which is even more aggravating. He wants to use the bathroom which is not allowed. He wants to drink water so badly and that is not allowed—not even a few drops due to possible water getting into his lungs and then getting into a more serious condition such as pneumonia. His sugar is down to 135. The neuro Dr. still has not come from another hospital (Chiang Mai Ram) for her evaluation. She will come late, after visiting hours.

Sabbath the 18th: Leon has been sleeping a lot during the hours that Bronson, Jib, and I are allowed to be there. He is a bit more awake today and is conscious of me talking to him. He answers—but mostly in garbles. Some of his words (more than yesterday) are becoming clearer. When he sleeps he dreams and is very vocal—but very garbled and confusing.

The neurological assessment was made last night and this morning the heart Dr. told me that they basically can do nothing, and that it’s up to Leon’s body. They will try to prevent a future stroke. His sugar was at 135 and then up to 157. They might let him eat soon, but did not say when. They have given him a feeding tube for medicine. He also has a bit of a fever but no sign of infection.

I have given details because I am asking all of you to beseech God and His Son Jesus Christ to intervene once again to take away all the above difficulties—and even the ones we don’t know. Please pray for God’s mercy for Leon so that he will be able to get back on a regimen to help himself in ways he could not do before, and to continue God’s purpose for Leon here in Asia.

Two days ago our 10-year old granddaughter Norah asked her BawBaw (Leon) “when, and if we move to the U.S. someday, will you come to the U.S. too?”

Leon's response was: "No Norah, God put me here to do His Work and this is where I must stay."

Leon and all the rest of God's people are in God's hands. He is perfect and all-knowing.

May God continue to bless all of you in all we go through in this life, always growing into a more mature likeness and oneness with God, and looking forward to our Great Hope—then our suffering will be over.

In Christian love,
Gloria

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