

McFall update

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Good day, dear friends,

It has gotten cold here. We even had snow the other day. Here is our latest update. I will start with Ruslan. In the beginning, there was always one more thing we could do: one more option, one more operation, hospital, doctor, treatment, and so on. It seems we have come to the end of "one more thing." This is very devastating. I have never been one to give up or quit easily. Now, I feel as if I am forced to give up on Ruslan. I understand that I have no real choice in this matter; everything is up to God, now and always has been.

Nonetheless, this feeling of helplessness is devastating. Not just to me but to many here that have worked and prayed so long and hard for Ruslan's recovery. We are now faced with the reality that the only thing left for us today is to keep him comfortable, take care of his needs, pray and wait upon the Lord.

Ms. Cheryl is still dealing with severe headaches, fluctuating blood pressure, and hydrocephalus. She has been diagnosed with sleep apnea and is now on a CPAP machine. It is not helping much. In fact, she fights with the device most nights. We are contacting her heart doctor in Turkey, and I hope to be able to travel there after Thanksgiving. This is the doctor that wanted to operate on her heart for cardiac arrhythmia. We don't know if this is still an option but need to look into it.

On a better note: Cody and Karina are flying home! Monday at 11:50 AM, they will fly out of Chicago to Istanbul, then home. This is a long flight, and you all know what is going on in America right now. Please be in much prayer for their trip.

Still on a good note, I have been praying about taking another trip to Uzbekistan after the first of the year. I have been praying about staying longer than one or two weeks, maybe up to a month. Then yesterday, a friend from Uzbekistan wrote me and informed me that Uzbekistan has opened visa-free travel for Americans for up to 30 days. This may have been the answer I have been looking for. Now I need to get the time settled and start notifying folks. This too needs much prayer.

The work here is still an uphill battle. It always has been, and I believe it always will be. Paul told Timothy, "And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12). I choose to live godly, despite the persecution!

We could not have stayed our course as long as we have without your prayers. We cannot continue to go on without your prayers. I will never be able to thank you enough for all you do for our Lord and His children.

Looking up,

Allen

Ps. 16:11