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Howard and Jannie's Medical Update - February 3, 2026



A little over two weeks has passed since Jannie had her surgery. She was careful to obey the doctor's directions to avoid certain activities. She has experienced a steady healing since then and is able to drive the car again. She is still waiting to learn about the pathology report. The doctor described her cancer as "highly aggressive". While the surgery went well, there is a high probability of additional treatments as a follow up. The date scheduled for the pathology report is February 23, 2026

Four days ago, Howard received his first chemo treatment. The nurses administering the drug had never worked with this medication. The drug comes with a weird name: mogamulizumab. The nurses peered through the office glass watching for any signs of negative side effects, but none appeared. The side effects were minimal and went away after three days. What about positive side effects? Did the first infusion do anything? Oh, yes, it did!

Within four days, the old ailment which caused red/itching skin all over his body, was fading away. Four days after the treatment, there was an improvement of 80%. The red skin and itching are mostly gone. Over the past six years Howard was taking massive amounts of antihistamines daily to suppress the ailment. Within three days of the chemo treatment, he ceased taking antihistamines. He still has more chemo treatments scheduled, but he has dramatic improvement in his condition.



The doctors consider this an immuno-therapy treatment. The drug helps to activate healthy white blood cells to attack the cloned T-cells. It seems to be working. So, is this expected to be “cured”? The doctors say this will be a battle for the rest of my life. Through chemo treatments, the T-cell lymphoma can be suppressed, for a time. There may be periods of relative normalcy over several months; however, ongoing treatment will be required to manage the condition effectively.



PRAYER and PRAISE:

- The upcoming NAIM Women's Retreat in March. Pray for a time of encouragement and refreshment for all who will be attending and for our fellow missionary speaker Nanette Butler as she will be sharing about the "Names of God".

- Ministry still happens as we have opportunities throughout the week. We are encouraged by seeing spiritual growth in a woman we've been ministering to through online Bible study.

- We are experiencing the peace of God in the midst of our medical journeys. Philippians 4:7

Thanks to everyone for your prayers. We have witnessed God answering prayers for good travel weather, over night housing, excellent medical staff, and many encouraging connections from God's people.

Soli Deo Gloria (to God be the glory)

Howard and Jannie Johnson

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