Dear Praying Friends,

It has been several weeks since you last heard from us. So here is a brief update on our life here in Finland.

We are grateful for the 2 weeks that our son Niko was able to spend with us this month. Great to spend some quality time together and also see how the Lord has been working in his life. He returns to Taylor University in Indiana on Saturday and will start his second year there.

This past Tuesday (Aug 25), Kerttu had her 5th intravenous chemo treatment (5th of 6; treatments given every 3 weeks). She also resumed tablet therapy (6 tablets a day for 2 weeks, followed by 1 week free of medication). Thank you for praying, especially as the side effects get a bit worse each time.

We had a visit with the oncologist yesterday, and we discussed the results of the CT scan (done last Thursday). Good news – the tumors have been shrinking (each one by several millimeters) and there were no new growths. In early October (3 weeks after the final chemo treatment), Kerttu will start having anti-hormonal injections (1 per month). The next CT scan will be in January.

Our plans to return to Papua New Guinea are still uncertain. In the meantime, I am continuing to work on the Odoodee translation from here.

Thanks again for your prayers, Darrell (& Kerttu)

-----

e-mail address: darrell hays@sil.org