

Siebring Flyer



Siebring Family having Thanksgiving

Hospital For The Holidays

I am sure most of you recall the struggles I had with my health that caused us to need to return home from Afghanistan 2 years ago. What a devastating time that was. After so many years of planning and preparing, only to return.

After a hysterectomy and a month and a half in the hospital due to complications and 4 extra surgeries to fix the complications, my body was finally healing and life seemed to be getting back to normal. Although the doctor at that point couldn't say if I could ever go back overseas, we knew that God was in control and that one way or another we would be involved with ministry in Afghanistan and missions.

God proved himself faithful and gave us many opportunities to serve the people of Afghanistan over the next year even though I was unable to be in the Country that we so desperately loved. Ray was able to make many trips back and forth to continue doing ministry and was even blessed to bring teams with him from time to time.

In the winter of 06' while doing test to approve my going back overseas, the ultrasound technician found that I had grown a new ovary that had a cyst on it. The cyst was small and the doctor believed it would go away on its own. We praised God for my good health and that we would finally be able to return to Afghanistan as a family, short term.

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We visited and ministered to the people we loved and had missed so badly. We felt it was a huge victory for our family to finally be able to go back to the land that the enemy had tried to keep our family from.

When we returned home this fall the cyst had grown quite large and was causing a lot of discomfort. After many tests, debate, and prayer, the doctors and surgeons agreed that I would need surgery and the sooner the better.

I went in for surgery one week later on November 20th. The procedure that was supposed to be minor surgery soon turned to major surgery that lasted almost 6 hours! There were many complications. These complications held me in the hospital for almost three weeks and I am still in the process of healing and regaining my strength.

This has been a long and difficult time for our family but, we have seen God use this time in many ways for his glory as well as for our protection.

In the book of James we are instructed to consider it all joy when we go through various trials that it would produce the character of Christ within us.

I know these trials we have faced in life have produced a lot within me and I pray that I have glorified God in and through my physical suffering.

I am so thankful for the times that people would mention that they felt such a peace when they came into my hospital room or when the doctor would mention that I always smiled even if there were tears in my eyes.

We believe that this is now the end of all the surgeries but, I pray that no matter what the future may hold that God would find us faithful. - Julie



Ray teaching Afghan Students in Kabul

AFGHAN STUDENTS ARRIVE

I know it was coincidence, but it was at least humorous. Students from Afghanistan that our family has helped train and disciple arrived in the USA in the middle of an ice storm that knocked out power to over 600 thousand people at their destination in Oklahoma.

The Afghans were probably the only ones in the city who felt comfortable with the situation considering the land they just left has only sporadic power at best in the winter in the capital city Kabul.

These students have arrived as part of an effort to help rebuild the civil aviation industry in Afghanistan. They are graduates of the aviation education program our family worked on while we served in Afghanistan. This program has grown so much that it has lead us to start a new school in YWAM to train up the staff necessary to man this program in Afghanistan. - Ray



"God's Word Speaks When Our Words Fail"

The 2 shooting tragedies that took place here in Colorado were senseless and pure evil. This horrible situation has struck our family hard as both our church body of New Life and our ministry body of YWAM both suffered tragic losses.

We are encouraged to know that there is no safer place to be than in the will of God whether it be in Kabul Afghanistan or Colorado Springs, it is in God alone we find our strength. Especially when we don't have the answers in the face of in escapable questions, like why?

We ask that you please pray with us for both the families of the innocent victims and for the family of the assailant. We take comfort in God's word as it reads:

"No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.—The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.—We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."

John 10:29; 2 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:18; Rom. 8:37-39; Col. 3:3; Jas. 2:5; 2 Thess. 2:16, 17



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Dear Family, Friends, & Partners,

As Christmas time is upon us, my mind turns to the many wonderful memories of Christmas' past. Times filled with Joy and laughter and all the wonder that this season brings.

I pray that this time would be filled with all the joy and wonder as you celebrate with those who are near and dear to year heart. Hug them a little longer. Hold them a little closer, talk just a little longer. Share your love that reminds others of the greatest gift of love that this season represents. Jesus.

May we all remember the true meaning of Christmas this year and keep it close to our hearts through all this coming year. Overcome evil with good, Love never fails.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

Ray + Julie Siebring,
Clias, Gabriella + Josiah

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Praise & Prayer

Praise:

- Julie is home from the hospital and slowly recovering
- The kids have handle all the adjustments of the past month with much grace
- Secondary Aviation Program is approved to start in YWAM

Prayer

- Julie's continued health
- Finances to reach the needed amount not only for survival but, to raise to where we are able to do all that God is calling us to do
- Wisdom as we being this new school and this new year

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Our Tentative Timeline...

Aviation Project YWAM Network for Strategic Initiatives (NSI) Colorado Springs, CO	Jan-June, '07
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Mobilization Trip Western, Canada	Mar, '07
Mobilization Trip State Of Maine	April, '08



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