

Fellow Christian Friends,

We are deeply humbled by the generosity and the Christ-like love that we have witnessed from this congregation.

As many of you know, we have been through a decent amount in the last 6 months; including both good and unfortunate. In the words of our oncologist "we are living the dream. Not the dream we were necessarily expecting, but THE dream." With the diagnosis of Ovarian Cancer for Tabitha in February, acceptance to medical school and the birth of our daughter Jaimie in March, chemotherapy treatments from April to June, medical school beginning in August, and the hysterectomy in September, we are cautiously eager to see what awaits us around the bend.

We wanted to briefly share some thoughts that we have had throughout this process. The most prevalent thought that we have consistently come back to is "God's hand is continuously present in our lives." Despite some telling us that our situation reminds them of Job from the Bible, we have been blessed every step along the way. Apart from being blessed with Jaimie, Tabitha's pregnancy provided us a way to find out about the growing cancer and, through the blessing of modern medicine, be able to begin treatments. When we thought we were at our lowest, we were pushed a little further. Repeatedly. We are incredibly grateful for the faith and perspective that we were able to have to observe God's presence in our lives. Not only that He is mindful of us, but that He plays an active role in our lives.

The second theme, or truth we continue to witness is "God's timing is just that. His." Again, with the timing of Tabitha's pregnancy the doctors were able to find the cancer instead of it continuing to grow un-noticed. Another instance where we saw God's timing over our own was with medical school. We have been trying to get into medical school for a few years now, but had we started school when we wanted, we would have had to drop out to handle the cancer diagnosis and treatments both emotionally and physically.

We wholeheartedly believe that we are all brothers and sisters and as such, we would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to you, our brothers, and sisters. Thank you for the love and care that you show us. Thank you for your incredible generosity and helping us traverse this rocky terrain we find ourselves in. Thank you for the love and care that you continue to show to Harry and Nyla (or as we know them, Grandma and Grandpa Peterlin). We hope to meet and thank each of you in person as soon as we can make it up there to Idaho. We love you and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,

 Hunter, Tabitha, TEAGEN Jaimie

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