



The Spotlight - November 2020



On the 31st October, TLC World turned 7 and we celebrated this anniversary by thanking God for all the ways in which He has allowed all serving on team to bless where He has led, and we pray that He will continue using each and everyone to be a blessing to others wherever He leads!

We have an added reason to thank him personally this month, for we've just experienced what we're calling our Medical Miracle Month. We want to share it with you, so here is Elaine's testimony:

On Monday, 28th September, loved ones, friends and the TLC World prayer team began to pray for me daily because I went into the operating theatre to have a growth removed from my groin. We had to wait over a week for the results during which time we obviously had to fight the temptation to think on the negative. Choosing Biblical obedience over the alternative, we began thanking God for what He was doing and focused on His promise which states 'All things work together for good for those who love the Lord'. We trusted Him and talked over the reality of what this scripture means, i.e., that even bad news is good news in the log run!

In the days that followed the operation, I began to suffer from a severe lack of energy, frequent dizzy spells, painful heartburn, a dry throat and an almost constant low grade headache. A visit to my GP resulted in being sent directly to the hospital for blood and heart tests and a scan. In 2011, in Abu Dhabi, I'd been diagnosed with a heart problem, which was confirmed here in Fiji at the beginning of 2019, so the doctor thought it wise to check it hadn't deteriorated. The blood test results came back within hours and were excellent, but the scan revealed a mass situated by my right ovary, so my next appointment was with the gynecologist the following day.

The next day started well as I received excellent news - a viber message from the surgeon to say that the growth he'd removed from my groin was benign. That afternoon the gynecologist sent me for a cancer marker test re the mass, a term which sounds grim, but belies its size, for it only measured around 3 cm x 2 cm. Unfortunately, the hospital had run out of test kits and suggested it could be a month before more arrived, so Jim and I left the hospital to hunt for an independent diagnostic testing centre. Our second stop proved successful and the test was done. The next few days again required us to look up and focus upon His word, rather than looking down, but then good news came - the mass showed no signs of cancer!

Heart tests followed, but here's where a miracle really came to light, for despite having had a recognised heart problem for nine years, the tests revealed that I no longer have any heart issues at all - my cardiologist told me my heart was in excellent condition and pumping and beating perfectly! To say I was 'blown away' was an understatement and I wondered if the Lord had allowed me to go through everything just to enable me to see his healing handiwork!

The cardiologist who was well aware of my heart issues, simply said God works in mysterious ways.

Despite all of the positive results, I was still experiencing the symptoms that had taken me to see my GP in the first place, so I planned a return visit. The next day, however, Wednesday 21st October, I went out for my first social event in almost a month, but when I returned that afternoon, I could smell gas in our home. A callout inspection, one hour later, revealed that the seal where the gas pipe enters the oven had worn away allowing gas to seep into the atmosphere. Within hours of it being repaired, I began to recover, and it became clear that I'd been suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, and the effects, which made me feel so ill, had also made me stay home in the very environment that was poisoning my system! How protected I feel, for in such circumstances, many have fallen asleep never to wake or, more dramatically, have been blown away, literally!

We thank God for His protection, gift of healing and for guiding us every step of the way, not just on this short journey but since they day He came into our lives. However, we don't believe we fully thank God until we thank everyone He sends to help, so we both want to say one huge THANK YOU to all who have helped this past month through providing prayer, delicious food, shopping services, company on hospital visits and giving Godly wisdom - you know who you are! Thank you from the bottom of my heart - my fully functioning heart, of course!

We leave you now, as always, with links to last month's messages which focused on various forms of fear as well as extracting principles from the biblical parables:

[1. The Fear of Losing Control](#)

[2. The Fear of Loneliness](#)

[3. The Fear of Failure](#)

[4. Principles from the Parables: The Rich Man and Lazarus](#)

[5. Principles from the Parables: The Prodigal Son](#)

*God bless you always,
Jim & Elaine*

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)*

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