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“Fear thou not, for I am with Thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee” Isaiah 41:10

Dear Praying Friends,

There is no doubt that one of the greatest resources God has blessed us with is those of you who receive these prayer letters from us and bring our needs before the Lord in prayer and join us in praising God for the frequent answers and blessing He so abundantly bestows. One of the great encouragements of this is that we know we are not alone in our lives and ministries but are greatly strengthened through those God provided to stand with us. Knowing this we ask for your prayers for our grandson, Noah Harvey (born April 30) who is on life support in Riley’s Children’s hospital in Indianapolis, IN. Pray as well for his twin sister Madison who though not in critical condition, is also in Riley’s Children’s hospital. Following are excerpts from updates posted by our daughter and son-in-law, Mat and Susan Harvey which can be found online at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/noahharvey/

June 20 Noah is on a life support system called ECMO he is the 748th child to be placed on it. The left side of his heart is failing so this machine acts as his heart & lungs. The cause of this is still unknown. They are down to some sort of rare infection or a genetic defect. They have called in a specialist. The only one in Indiana & one of the top in the nation to try to help determine the problem. They will also try to see if he qualifies for a transplant. Some of these things take 1-2 days to find out others take weeks. Please join us in prayer that the doctors find a diagnosis & that it IS treatable.

June 21 We are just at the beginning of a difficult journey. We have met with the team of doctors & specialists this morning & have received some disheartening news. Noah's heart function has decreased from 15% to 8%.

June 24 A huge positive for today is that the genetic specialist worked overnight & thinks he may have found a piece of the puzzle for both babies. Carnitine deficiency could potentially be a factor. Symptoms include cardiomyopathy (Noah) & muscle weakness (Madison). Both babies are now receiving this enzyme. This hopefully is a start to a diagnosis before Noah runs out of time & before Madison gets worse. We need continued prayers & support. I cannot tell you all how much seeing the comments & prayers mean to us, especially when we get down or receive discouraging news.

June 25 There has been no improvement in Noah's heart function over the weekend. We were really hoping to see something, but maybe a little more time. However his heart function is so bad it would be a true miracle for it to recover on its own, but we know nothing is impossible with God. He is maintaining as well as he can on ECMO which is a day to day issue. We should get some blood results & first muscle biopsy results by mid or end of the week to determine options after ECMO. We are praying he will qualify for a heart transplant since the chances of his heart’s full recovery is slim. We are hoping Madison gets released tomorrow. We are waiting for her kidney function reports & sleep study report which will determine if she has to go home on oxygen & heart monitor. Good news with her is we were finally able to get her feeding tube in. So we need her kidney reports to come back ok before discharge. There is no answer if Madison is suffering from some form of what Noah has so they are taking every precaution.

Through all this we have had many encouraging words of prayer and support, many from overseas where our national church planters and workers are in the midst of this summers camping season which involves over 20 different camps. Praise God for the reports we are getting of many young people coming to Christ through these efforts. We are also grateful for the 3 summer mission teams made up of Bible college students and local churches that have come to participate in these efforts. More prayer and praise items can be found through our monthly prayer and praise sheet *BIEM's of Light* which can be found online at: www.baptistinternational.org/?page_id=71

The Slobodians

"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." Mark 16:15