

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

This has been a month of small jobs; catching up with what I missed while at the MTT course, and getting some other things done. In addition, I have begun the preliminary procedures in preparation for having the cornea transplant done on my left eye. At this point, I have completed the necessary exams, and now need to wait for a cornea to become available.

The cornea for my right eye was described as “perfect”. I can already see a big difference in how well I can see out of that eye, as it continues to recover. The recovery is going well, and soon the ophthalmologist will replace the lens in my glasses with a new one, because my vision continues to change as the transplanted cornea “fuses” with the original. The process takes time, but I am hoping and praying that after the next lens change, I will already be seeing better than I was before the surgery. So please continue praying for the recovery process. And pray that the cornea that I receive for my left eye will also be “perfect”.

I have begun the process of putting in a claim with my medical insurance provider. As you can probably guess, this is going to be a bureaucratic mess. They are already asking for documentation that I never imagined that I would need! Fortunately, I have it and have provided it. Please be praying with me during this process. Since the surgery was done out-of-network (out of the country!), they won't reimburse me 100%. But please pray that they would reimburse me as much as possible, and that I would have all of whatever documentation they demand.

And please continue to give thanks for the entire process! There may be a lot of paperwork and other bureaucracy involved, but in the end, the benefits will far outweigh the inconveniences. As someone put it, you can't put a price on good vision.

So please give thanks:

- For continued recovery in my right eye following the cornea transplant.
- For the upcoming transplant already in the works for my left eye.
- For whatever the insurance provider will reimburse me for the surgery.

Please pray:

- That the vision in my right eye would continue to improve, as quickly as possible.
- For another “perfect” cornea for the left eye.
- That the insurance provider would reimburse me the maximum possible for these procedures.

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