

The Psalmist might have written "Even though I pass through the valley of pain, I will not be afraid, because you, my Lord, are with me." At least that has been my experience through the past 12 days. I am passing through a valley of pain, and the Lord and all His people are with me, comforting and encouraging. Praise the Lord!

Finally today, they removed the last of the many tubes that have been stuck in my body over the past 12 days. I still have an epidural in the middle of the day that is used for pain medication. I will be needing that for a long time, but it is not bothersome and I need pain relief very badly. Maybe for several months it will be necessary to relieve the pain of nine broken ribs in my upper back. I still can't believe how badly broken up I am!

I am still in the hospital. I should be released soon to try to readjust to recovering at home. I am up and walking around the hospital. I even have climbed some stairs and am gaining strength in my weakened lungs. Each day is better than the previous one.

Thank you for your prayers! The Lord has answered by restoring the pieces of my body and is making me whole again.

Today, Oct 18 in the early hours of morning, a great man of faith and mission moved on into eternal glory with the Lord. Costas Macris was a pioneer missionary that first saw thousands come to faith in Christ in the jungles of Irian Jaya and then returned to his fatherland to pioneer mission work in Athens, Greece. He was my director, adopted father, and spiritual mentor from 1984 to 1988 when I served under his leadership in the Hellenic Missionary Union with VISA. His life, passion for ministry and family tremendously impacted my life and the lives of many others. I had the unique privilege of being in the same ICU unit and hospital when he died after a long bout with cancer. I was not well enough to visit him, but I could sense his presence through the walls. May his welcome in heaven be even greater than his farewell on earth.

Leonidas and Athina were blessed in the early hours of Friday, Oct 20 with the birth of a healthy, strong young son!

Love in Christ,

Humpty Dumpty Mike (Kevin)