

## John Tefertiller Health Update - 3 April 2010

Greetings friends and family,

### Chemo Done!

As hoped for, I had my last chemotherapy treatment this week. I've been told that it may take a few months before some of the side effects recede completely. But the routine of being knocked off my feet for several days at a time every two weeks should be a thing of the past.

Yet to be determined is the schedule for reversing the colostomy (for some reason the doctors call the procedure a "take down")- that, and removal of the port through which drugs have been administered. When these two things are accomplished, I will be considered officially cancer free and done except for blood tests every few months. Needless to say, there will be a bit closer monitoring of my general health than before all of this began.

### Current Mood

Since there are still a couple of surgical procedures to go through, I am not "off the hook" giddy. There is, however a sense of relief that this stage is done and that the side effects will eventually wear off. I have been able to schedule my first business travel since last spring for next week. I'll have to see how things go on a daily basis, as there will be several miles per day of walking trade show floors, but I'm happy to be able to go.

### Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to pray for me until I am past the surgeries yet to take place and "recovery" is finally declared.
2. While Medi-Cal has taken care of major expenses, there are still some sizable financial remnants that will need cleaning up over the next few months. Your prayers for God's continued financial provision is much appreciated.
3. Having been brought this far by God's gracious provision, and through the prayers of God's people, it is still my desire for God to receive honor and glory somehow through my circumstances. Pray for those who have been affected in a positive way by observation of how God has worked in my life.

### Conclusions

Some return to routine is inevitable, I do not want to merely fall into the rhythms of the past, especially now. My hope would be that someone might engage the journey of Hebrews 11:16, joining those who are seeking the "better country" of God. And for those who do so, we are told that God is not ashamed to be called their God, and that he has prepared for them a heavenly city.

It is easy to talk about how God is working or has worked thus far, but it is another thing entirely to genuinely pursue the road to that heavenly city on a daily basis. This should be more than "talking the talk," but must reach the level of "walking the walk." This season of my life will ultimately pass one way or the other. What must not pass is a commitment to walking worthy of the calling of Christ Jesus.

May we all find in Jesus the path wherein we may walk worthy, and find that God is not ashamed to be called our God.

With heartfelt thanks for your prayers,

John T.