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Dear Friends in Christ:

Even as I write this with a burdened heart, it has been a blessing to be in several meetings since I wrote last. I've shared our grandson, Stephen's story in my messages and people can understand suffering because so many are going through trials now. The altars have been full and hearts have been touched, and for that I am thankful.

Bonnie and I are humbled that so many of you have shared words of encouragement and promise of prayers for our family. With Stephen fighting brain cancer is bad enough, but we hurt for our son, Philip and daughter-in-law Jodi as parents do when their children are suffering.

The doctors have "thrown in the towel" and offer no hope at all. Jodi expressed her heart on Facebook, and I'm including her message here:

"Our dearest prayer family,

It is with God's great mercy and grace that I am able to sit down and type this update. The results from the MRI were not favorable. The results show that the tumor has grown a lot. The Dr's at Nemours are suggesting palliative care through hospice for Stephen at this point. We will be consulting Dr. B at St. Jude's for a second opinion. Our God has a plan for our family. A plan that will glorify Him and bring honor to His name. We pray that those who do not have the comfort of Jesus, to ask Him in to your heart. It is only in Jesus that we have hope. Our one request of our prayer family is that if you see us and Stephen, do not cry in front of him. Do not tell us you are sorry. Please tell us how happy you are to see Stephen. Please continue to tell us that you love us and are praying for us. We thank everyone of you for praying for our family. I believe God has heard our prayers and has answered them in the beautiful mystery that is our loving Lord."

The medical world may have thrown in the towel but our Lord has not. We will continue to praise Him for the blessing that Stephen is and for every minute we have with him.

Bonnie and I would deeply appreciate your continued prayers for our family. We are thankful for each and every one of you, for your prayers and loving support of our ministry.

In Christ,

ED AND BONNIE GIBSON

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