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Mac

Mon, Sep 9, 7:30 AM (5  
days ago)

Good day to all. Ruslan and I are still in Istanbul. We have another doctor's appointment tomorrow and 13:30. We should have all the test results. Sunday, he started running a fever, 38.6. Then in the afternoon and evening it was normal. Today, it is back up to 37.7. He still cannot stand on his own, does nothing but lie and sleep. I am very concerned. We have applied for his U.S. visa. The appointment is for January 2025. We have written to the Embassy explaining our situation and have asked them to move him up. I hope and pray that we can be over this infection and be back in Kyrgyzstan by the end of the month.

God is the only One that can help us. The doctors in Kyrgyzstan basically quit on us. The doctors here really have no idea what is going on. They assure me that there is no infection in the shunts. I need Ruslan to be able to move himself, or at least to be able to help me move him. Watching him eat is heart breaking.

Thank you for all your prayers. We will continue to look up.

Looking up,  
Allen  
Ps. 16:11

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**From:** Mac <[IAM1769@pm.me](mailto:IAM1769@pm.me)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2024, 1:30 PM  
**Subject:** 06 Sept

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Ruslan has not done much but sleep since we got into the apartment. He has eaten okay but cannot get up by himself. He also has not had a bowel movement for 8 days. I woke him up at 18:00 for his medication, and he was so disoriented. It was almost like he didn't know me. He kept trying to hold his head up, but his neck muscles were tight.

He is not as bad as he was the week before we brought him here, but close. No fever but sleeping all day and night.

We won't see the doctor till next Tuesday. Folks, Ruslan needs some serious intervention. I need some serious intervention. I know many are fervently praying, and I greatly appreciate it. We need more fervent prayer warriors to engage. Please!

Looking up,  
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**From:** Mac <[IAM1769@pm.me](mailto:IAM1769@pm.me)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2024, 1:11 PM

**Subject:** Ruslan

Good day to all. It has been an exhausting week, and it is not over yet. Monday Ruslan and I had a very long day, starting out in Kyrgyzstan at 03:00 and ending our day 21 hours later in the hospital in Istanbul. The first day he had a topographic scan and a spinal tap. The next day he had an MRI. None of these tests showed any infection, no malfunction of the shunt, nothing that we should be concerned about. But then, Tuesday evening he had a fever of 37.5 and very quickly it went up to 38.1. The hospital gave him an I.V. for the fever and within an hour the fever was gone. He is now dealing with being very weak. Cannot stand on his own and has slept most of today.

Tuesday, 10 September, we have another appointment with his doctor. The rest of the test from the spinal tap will be there, the results from the blood work and the recommendation from a team of doctors that are looking at all the tests. For some reason it seems like every time we prick the skin, removing stitches, spinal tap... he gets a fever. Is his immune system so low? Is there another issue we have not found yet? We must get answers as to why he continues to have a fever before we can take the next step.

Every doctor we have been working with tells us the next step is to remove the tumors. I am beginning to understand that the reason for his weakness and lack of stability is due to the pressure on the brain. Once we remove the tumors, he may be completely deaf, but he may be able to stand on his own.

I keep asking our Lord to step in and take over. I know He is in control. He still requires me to follow His lead and make the right decisions. I just wish to step back and watch Him work. Do I sound lazy? No, just fearful, knowing my limits and His lack of limitations. God is the Great God, worthy to be praised, in every aspect of our life. I can never thank you all enough for all the prayers, letters, support, and encouragement.

Looking up,  
Allen  
Ps. 16:11