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Good day to all. It has been too long since my last update. This is completely on me. The news we have is very difficult for me to accept. In fact, I still have a hard time with all that is going on. Since coming home, Ruslan has gotten worse with his balance. His eyes have gotten worse. He will sit on the toilet, not urinating, then 10 minutes after he gets up, he will urinate on himself. He sat on the toilet and told me he did not go and could not go, but when I helped him up, he had gone. This too is one of the issues the NIH told us to watch for. He is also dealing with a lot of emotions.

The Embassy gave Ruslan a 10-year visa. This is amazing to me. The NIH in Maryland, USA, has been hard to communicate with. When we finally got in touch with them and were able to send them all the new information, they strongly advised us not to fly to the States. I felt that the professor in Istanbul was not telling me everything. He made it sound like the fluid on the brain was not as bad as it was before the shunt. The test results we sent to the NIH showed that there was much fluid in the brain. So much that they could not recommend we take him on a long flight.

The hospital in Istanbul said they would put another shunt in, if necessary. They would trim the tumors, if necessary. I believe it is necessary, but now we cannot fly back to Turkey. If we do, and if there are issues, what do we do then? If I cannot fly him back to Kyrgyzstan, what choices would we have?

Giving up, quitting, or not fighting till the end is not in me. The doctors here in Kyrgyzstan cannot do anything for him, the doctors in Istanbul pretty much have shut the door, and the NIH has given us a shut door; without God, there is no hope for any chance of improvement. This is devastating. How can we sit here and do nothing for Ruslan?

Mark 2:1-5 *And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. 2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. 3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. 4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.*

There were four men that brought one man to Jesus. They could not get into the house, so they uncovered the roof and lowered the man. Verse five says, "When Jesus saw **their** faith..." It was not the man sick of the palsy that had the faith Jesus saw, but the faith of those that brought him to Jesus. This is our only hope for Ruslan. Ruslan must be brought to Jesus. I want to be one of the four with faith enough for Jesus to heal him. The doctors have all but given up on Ruslan. I cannot quit, I cannot stop praying to God and asking others to pray with me for a miracle healing.

Looking up,

Allen

Ps. 16:11