

Dear Pastors and Prayer Friends,

As most of you know we had to return home after only 2 short months in the Dominican Republic. Those 2 months were filled with ministry. We visited many places and were making many contacts. We were able to connect with our first Haitian Bateye (village) and saw firsthand the reason for our calling. God loves these people and desires for them to know the gospel and have hope in Him.

We were hit with a hard blow shortly after that visit. Freddy became ill and had to be air-lifted back to Alabama. He has been diagnosed with mesothelioma and is now taking treatments. He has received 2 treatments and a determination will be made on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> as to how effective they are. The decision will be made based on a new PET scan taken on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

We need your prayers. Our prayer requests are as follows:

1. That the treatment is working and the tumor is smaller or gone.
2. That we can find a place closer to the hospital if his treatment schedule changes or becomes more aggressive.
3. That we might have a quick return to the DR and continue the work that we feel called to until the return of our Lord.
4. That we will find someone to house-sit in our house in the DR. and that we will be able to handle our business in the DR without complication.

We are resting in the hands of God, but it is very difficult being here. We know that nothing is a surprise to God and we will trust Him through this.

Many people have said that they have not been able to locate us and need more updates. I apologize for not keeping you posted. Our temporary address and phone number is:

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Thank you for praying and have a Merry Christmas.

In His Hands,

Freddy & Paula Cooper