



Jericho Ministries

breaking down the walls

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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners:

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We pray that 2012 has started out with blessings for you. We want to share how God has done a mighty work in our lives...

How Great is Our God!

A week ago Friday, Randy and I (Basil) were going to help some ladies move at 4:00PM. They cancelled out so I was home....that was a move of God.

At about 4:00 Sue came and said she was having a problem taking a breath. Fortunately I was home and immediately called our family doctor. He suggested to take her to a clinic near our home and called them.

At the clinic they took cardiogram, chest X-Ray and blood tests.

The doctor came out and told us that the cardiogram showed irregularities, and the X-Ray showed pneumonia and a heart irregularity. You can imagine what thoughts came to mind...fear, anxiety, worry. We had to dispel these thoughts with positive Godly thoughts, scripture and prayer. The verse that I go to first is Phil 4:8.

The doctor consulted with our family doctor and suggested we take Sue to the hospital emergency room. We agreed and she called them to advise them we were coming. She gave us a CD of the chest X-Ray to take.

We didn't have time to call folks, but asked our family to join us in prayer.

One hour later after the hospital took more X-rays, did a cardiogram, took several vials of blood and checked Sue's blood pressure, there was no evidence of pneumonia, no reason to suspect heart failure and her blood pressure was going down and my breathing was far less laborious. The doctor seemed confused and after much evaluation he said she had some bronchitis, gave her an antibiotic prescription and sent her home. She felt great and went to bed and slept like a baby.

We don't believe the first clinic made a mistake in their diagnosis...we had the X-Ray. **We believe that God answered our prayers and healed Sue before she got to the hospital. God hears the prayers of people who believe and trust Him. Psalm 107:21 says, "Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailling love and his wonderful deeds for men."**

We give thanks and the glory to God! Sue is breathing normally since! She has gone to the clinic and told them what God did to be a witness to them

We learned in this process that we choose our thoughts. Nobody can make us think about something. God doesn't and the enemy can't make us unless we choose to allow it.

Phil 4:8 says, **"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things."** This helped us overcome the first reaction ...fear when we first heard the news. So we are resolved that the solution is to cast our cares onto the

Lord...trust in God when we are facing bad news or difficult situations. ...Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. **But take heart! I have overcome the world.**" Also the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. **{5} We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.** 2 Cor 10:4-5 NIV)

He has given us the Holy Spirit to empower us and remind us of everything Jesus said and did.

As you think and meditate on the promises of God's Word, you will be filled with hope instead of despair.

We are grateful to God for His promises are good... and for our family. When we got home our grandson Jarrod said as he heard the good news, "I prayed for grandma for twenty minutes...I knew she would be OK."

We are grateful also for our friends and all our ministry partners who continue to pray for us, support us and are a great source of encouragement to us. **You, friends and partners in our ministry, are a vital part of our work.** We thank you again for your prayers and financial support.

It is a joy and pleasure serving Jesus with you.
Blessings to you all,

Basil & Sue