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Jeremiah 17:14 *Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.*

UPDATE ON TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY



Surgery took place on July 16th at the VA Hospital in Salisbury NC. After three days in the

hospital I was moved to the rehab facility at Salisbury VA. Things did not go as I had expected and at times I wondered if I would ever be able to bend my knee again. However I was assured that the pain would decrease as the swelling went down. The main focus was to ensure I could walk properly and climb stairs without a problem; after all we have five steps to get



Side View



Front View

into our RV. Cathy and I took every opportunity to witness to those caring for me as well as the other Veterans around me. At times the pain was so overwhelming that I would just cry out to GOD for Grace and Strength, as a care giver would ask if I was alright. That is when I would tell them how I had missed stepping on a landmine by just inches during our first night of combat years ago. Then I would Praise the LORD that I had a leg to have pain in because GOD spared me and this was the reason I was now their patient. Many around me were Christians and were encouraged by my testimony. Each day in the mess hall I would pray loudly, thanking GOD for my meal. Several men said Thank You for praying for our meal, one in particular said he did not pray because he did not want to offend anyone. I told him I would rather someone be offended of my praying than to offend my LORD! The next meal I was at another table and overheard him praying out loud. Another man that I had witnessed to over four years ago in Mooresville NC took offence during our conversation and said angrily "I'm Catholic as he got up and left. I would encourage him as I would see him exercising and kindly say I'm praying for you. A few days later he sat at my table and stayed calm as I prayed. This man needs the LORD and I thank GOD for another chance to witness to him. My PT clearly was not saved, but he was intrigued how I was thankful for the pain as I would witness to him. After two weeks of rehab I was sent home to our RV and had three weeks of in-home therapy. The name of one of my PT's was Jan; he was originally from Eastern Communist Europe and was not very open to the Gospel. However that did not stop me from witnessing to him during his visits.

August 27th we met with my surgeon who said I was well ahead of schedule so he cleared me to slowly start back toward a normal schedule. We had already begun visiting Churches near or around Concord NC within a short drive of our RV. Although I will still be doing outpatient PT throughout September and October we can begin to visit other Churches so long as we can get back to my PT appointments.

Please continue to pray for all who are currently serving overseas in combat and all Veterans with PTSD. We also received a request to pray for Robert Moore, Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran and son of Vietnam Veteran Junior Moore who was recently Born Again. Pray for all those we witnessed to while at the VA Hospital and Rehab center. Thank you for your continued prayers for my recovery!

Thank You For Your Faithful Prayers and Generous Support!

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Ephesians 6:10-20

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