

# Thankfulness keeps everything in perspective....



Joanne and I were walking through the store and all of a sudden she stopped me and said “I have to have that.” Did she see a beautiful dress or a new toy for our grandchildren? No. She saw a sign. It said “There is always, always, always, something to be thankful for.” The sign is now hanging in our living room next to the front door.

Thanksgiving has just passed. It is one of my favorite times of year because it’s such a wonderful time to enjoy the blessing of our family being together. Many of the missionaries at Cedar Lane also take advantage of Thanksgiving as a time of getting together with family. It may only happen once every 4 years but they are grateful for a home where they can gather their grown children, elderly parents or extended family to. We often get requests for an extra mattress to throw on the floor or a folding table to add to the kitchen.

At our yearly Thanksgiving service at church, we have an opportunity to testify of God's goodness throughout the year. Yet I hesitate to testify knowing that many families struggle with wayward children or unsaved relatives. Can I really give praise for our family when other families in the church are hurting for theirs?

To my surprise, some of those hurting families raise their hand to give thanks to God for His goodness in their lives. They are an extreme testimony to God’s goodness by acknowledging it even in the midst of difficult situations. They exemplify Php 4:6 “Be anxious for nothing, but in

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## Updates on our recovering missionaries...

**Cassandra Fisher** We are still waiting for news from the Kidney Transplant Center that the kidney donor is ready. Most people can wait years for just one donor match, so we praise the Lord that three women have been found to be suitable matches for her kidney transplant. She is battling through a lot of sickness, tiredness, and pain in her right leg from blood clots as she waits for the transplant. The leg pain has been lessening so please pray for total relief and healing. The tiredness and sickness are just part of the end-stage renal failure, so we are praying for the donor to get done quickly what she needs to get done. Thank you for praying!

**Harold Ebersole** We would like to thank each person who has been praying for us. We are also thankful for the great blessing that Cedar Lane Missionary Homes has been to us at this time. It has provided a restful place to stay during our treatment and the staff and residents here have supported us in many ways.

God has been at work in powerful ways in answer to your prayers. The leukemia appears to be in remission. I have regained a lot of strength and most of the weight I had lost. In fact God answered prayer and allowed us to travel to Tennessee and Kentucky to spend Thanksgiving with family. Please continue to pray for them. Recently I had painful swelling in my lymph nodes and further testing revealed that I now have lymphoma. I have now had two out of a scheduled 6 chemo treatments for that cancer. At this point it appears to be responding well, but we will not know for sure until the treatment is complete. Please pray with us that God's purposes for us will be fulfilled. Pray that we will have further opportunities to declare what He has done.

We join with Paul in saying *"God has delivered us from such a deadly peril (in this case Leukemia) and he will deliver us again. On Him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver (from Lymphoma), as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted to us in answer to the prayers of many."* 2 Cor 1:10,11

There is a short video of my testimony of God's grace to us available on line. The link to the 5 minute video of Harold's testimony is: <https://vimeo.com/294600179>

*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever."* Psalm 118:1

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: We had 2 groups of young people come to help :  
: with fall cleanup this year. **Christ Community** :  
: **Church** youth group and **Trinity Prep School**. :  
: They raked leaves and pine needles, took down :  
: trees and cleared brush, prepped and laid pavers :  
: to create a parking space for one of our trucks :  
: and lots more. We are so grateful for all the :  
: groups that come to help make Cedar Lane a :  
: beautiful place for our missionaries to live. :  
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## PROJECT UPDATE

We are so excited about 2 projects that have been finished with the donated funds from the **Peter G. Schlatter Charitable Fund**. House 123 has gotten its final update with new kitchen cabinets, countertop and back splash. It looks fantastic! House 124 is the last home to be converted to gas. It now has a new gas heater and central air conditioning. Converting the homes to gas heat has been one of the greatest helps for our missionary families. It saves them a lot of money. Over the years a number of missionaries have had to count their pennies to get their heating bills paid. Praise the Lord for this wonderful provision.



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### *Praise and Prayer*

**Praise God** for gas heat for all the homes this winter.

**Praise Him** for the encouragement of seeing His hand supply so much at Cedar Lane for our missionary families from food to clothing to less expensive heat.

Continue to **Pray for** Harold Ebersole and Cassandra Fisher