



January/February 2010

Dear Friends,

My life verse is found in Isaiah 26:3-4. It says, *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."* God has richly blessed us with a great deal of peace. As those that receive our email updates know, we have been through the trials in the past few months. We greatly appreciate your prayers as we go through these trials. First, in mid November, we discovered that Esther, our 6 year old daughter, had a mass in her abdominal area. As a result, Lydia, Esther, and Ethan left Mongolia on November 17th and Eliza, Elijah and I followed on November 19th. After several weeks at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO, it was determined that Esther has a very rare type of cancer called medulloepithelioma. It has metastasized to both of her lungs and is attacking her spinal column. The doctors gave a very poor prognosis

with chemotherapy and 2—6 months without chemo. After spending a great deal of time in prayer, we have decided to NOT do chemo.

Esther has been asking to go see her cousins in Mississippi, so over the next month, we are doing some traveling. We arrived in Mississippi on the 31st of December. On January 1st, we went to Huntsville, AL to pick up our travel trailer. While we are back in the States, this will be our home. While we were in Huntsville, we were notified that Lydia's father, Dwane Baker, BBFI Missionary to Haiti, had had a stroke. At the time, we knew it was serious, but did not know how serious it really was. On Sunday the 3rd of January, God called her father home. There will be a memorial service in Springfield, MO on Friday (January 8) and then the burial in Furley, KS on Saturday. After this, we will return to Mississippi to spend a bit more time with Esther's cousins. When we leave Mississippi, we will be headed to Indiana to spend some time with Esther's

great-grandparents. We greatly appreciate your prayers as we go through these trials. Please pray that we can keep our minds focused on Christ and not on all the things going on around us.

After talking with our pastor, and even though we are back in the States, I am not booking any meetings until late July/early August. Over the next few months, I will be in contact with all of our supporting churches regarding our furlough schedule.

If you would like to contact us, you may via email at: [Daniel@danielelliottfamily.us](mailto:Daniel@danielelliottfamily.us) or via our cell phone at: 417—616—1465. Again, we humbly request your continued support and prayers as we go through this difficult time.

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Prayers

Thank you! Your prayers and support is greatly appreciated

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