



# Maiorano Minutes



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## Yes, Our Life Has Changed

It is hard to believe that five months ago our lives were turned upside down. As quickly as Jim's health declined, we weren't sure whether we would see our 44th anniversary. We were told by the doctors in Mexico that they were not sure how Jim was alive in May. When we departed from Oasis of Hope in June, they were discussing surgery to stabilize Jim's spine because of the cancer damage that had been done to his bones.

Now fast forward to September. There was no more talk of surgery, in fact, they were amazed at how much healing was taking place in his bones. They wanted to put him on a medication to help build his bones, but we declined due to some serious side effects. We are using a natural bone building complex, plus all the good food that he is eating, bone broth, and the various nutraceuticals he is taking as part of his protocol to help build his body. It may take a little longer, but no side effects.

Jim is starting his second go-round of home treatments. He is taking all the same pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals as we laid out in an earlier update. He is still on the hormone blocking therapy which is beginning to effect him by making him tired and sapping his energy, but it isn't nearly as bad as last time. His PSA dropped from 1700 to 126, and they want to see it at 0.something. We are praying that he may be down there by December. At that point, we are hoping to stop taking some of these medications.

They would like him to come back again in December, but we may push it off to January. They are continuing to make advances in their treatment protocol, specifically with their dendritic cell vaccine. This is where they create dendritic cells that are trained to only look for the cancer that is in Jim's body. When they find any of these cells floating around his body, they call in the activated killer cells to do their job. They are seeing amazing results from this vaccine, and their researchers are working hard

to make more of the vaccine so that patients can bring it home and either give themselves an injection every month or have their health care provider do it. They are talking about having this technology by the beginning of the year. This would mean more time between visits to the hospital and less money in the long run which is important since insurance won't cover anything.

For the next couple of months, Jim is allowed to go back to normal activities being careful to not overdo and listening to his body. That means that life can go back to "normal." The meal plans are going to be a new way of life - eating to beat cancer! We need a more relaxed schedule (not burning the candle at both ends), time for fun and rest, and a stress-free life. After what we have been through, it is easy to look at things differently, and ask the question, "Is this really that important in the scheme of life?"

## Ministry Continues

As far as ministry is concerned, we continue to lead our Sunday Fellowship and Monday night Precept classes. On Thursday and Friday, I have been going to the Adult Detention Center and helping inmates with GEDs or college prep tests. As inmates are released, we are willing to continue working with them to help them in their educational needs. I am going through the steps of being able to go into a detox/rehabilitation center to continue to work with inmates that were released into that program and possibly help others that are there as well. We are working with the state of NM Adult Education Program to have a mobile testing center. Jim will be working on the details of that project.

Kevin, the pastor we have been working with for years, would like to start recording his messages and make them available to individuals and churches online and on DVD. We will begin trying to help him accomplish his goal. There is a great need for God's Word to be heard, and Kevin has the heart to reach out to them! We want to do all we can to help him in this endeavor.

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## On A Personal Note

We have been told that we need to write a book about our journey. Until God gives me more hours in the day, I have documented our journey from the time we heard Jim's diagnosis until now on our website. On the home page is a link that says "Our Journey Through Cancer" and all of our updates are recorded there that document God's amazing sustaining power!



Jimmy is coming to the end of his second year as Sheriff. There has been a big push to clean up the streets of Gallup as well as getting the deputies out into the communities, schools, town meetings, and special events. The goal is public awareness, strengthening the community, and bringing back respect into law enforcement as a whole. Angel has become very involved in the community as well as she has been asked to sit on several boards as well as helping in the voting process. We included a picture of Jimmy and Angel at one of the many community events they attend.

Jeremy has his hands full with five little ones. Shane just celebrated his first birthday in July, the twins, Collin and Kason turned six in September, Hailey turned eight in August, and Brynlee will turn ten in December. We included a picture of their family.

We also included a picture of Jim and I on a day trip to Colorado to see the changing foliage. It is one of those fun things we need to do! However, we decided that we are too old to do that much fun in one day. 450 miles and 12 hours was too long of a day. Next year we will camp out for the night and make it a two day outing. Our 60+ year old bodies will be much happier!

We want to end this newsletter with a heart-felt thank you to all. We know that there have been many of you standing with us in prayer through this difficult journey.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of many who have financially helped pay for the treatments that Jim has received. There have been those who have jumped in to help when we needed advice, encouragement, and extra hands and muscles for certain projects. We have been truly blessed by this outpouring of love and generosity. We serve an amazing God who has blessed us in ways that are beyond words.



## God's Answers to Prayer

- Jim is doing great. He gets stronger everyday. He has been pain free since July and it is easy to see the healing that is taking place in his body!

- Medical bills and expenses have been taken care of in full, thanks to the generous gifts that have been shared with us.

- We have been able to keep the Bible studies going (for the most part) through the travel and health challenges.

-We have been truly blessed and encouraged by friends and family that have rallied around us and prayed for us during this trying time.

- We can see God's blessing and God's hand through this whole process. He has opened doors of ministry to those who are sick, those who are seeking answers, and helping new friends from Mexico as they learn the ropes and go through the ups and downs of overcoming cancer. We can pray, encourage, and reach out to them as they go through the process.
- For the young man, Jason, who has become part of our lives as he has been willing to come help us with heavy projects that are not safe for Jim to do. He has been a true God-send!

## Please Pray For the Following . . .

- Two of our new friends from Oasis have passed away and several others are really struggling in their battle for health. Please pray for these families - for those who are grieving and those who are struggling.
- God would continue strengthening Jim, that his PSA number would continue to drop rapidly, and that he has the stamina to accomplish what needs to be done everyday while fighting the effects of the hormone suppression therapy.
- God would continue to provide for our financial needs as we continue Jim's treatment. Hopefully the changes being made at Oasis will mean less trips and less expense because this battle can last a couple of years.
- Jimmy and Angel - their work, their ministry and their children (5) and grandchildren (3).
- Jeremy and Sarah - that they would raise their children in the love and admonition of the Lord!
- For Kevin as he continues to minister, bringing truth to those at his church, his family, as well as churches that are inviting him to come and speak. Also for the steps that need to be taken to record his messages, so they can be utilized by others.

