

Dear Family and Friends,

We have a special prayer request. Since Friday, March 3, Dante and I have been at the inpatient Hospice unit. Dante's pain had reached out-of-control proportions on Friday despite the Hospice nurse and Doctor managing the pain via telephone instructions to me. Finally, the Dr. said we had to get Dante to Hospice. Since we were in the middle of a blizzard, they sent an Ambucab to pick us up. The vehicle promptly got stuck in the snow and ice when it got to our house. With Shelly, our neighbor and the ambulance driver working together, they finally freed the ambulance; then the driveway needed the drifts shoveled so the wheelchair could navigate the way to the street. Quite a production.

The initial projection was that we would be here 2-3 days to develop a pain management plan. But it has not been an easy task, and we are still here. We are asking for special prayer that the right medications will be found so that we may soon leave and return home. Our sojourn here, although difficult, has been a blessing. For me, it has been a time of respite to recover from exhaustion; I have not left since we got here but my needs are being met as well. For Dante, it has been good to finally have an expert working on pain control which has been an ongoing problem for a long time; he immediately felt comfortable with and confident in this new Dr. Blessings continue to flow even in the midst of the storm. Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf.

In His Grip,

Dante and Jackie