

## **Code Blue! Code Blue!**

"Code Blue to room 3300! Code Blue to room 3300!" The words echoed in my ears as I was quickly ushered from my father-in-law's hospital room. He had just collapsed on me, with what we would later find out was a heart attack, brought on by sepsis.

As I exited the room, my wife came around the corner. Understanding dawned on her face, and I caught her as she went to the floor. Her plea broke my heart, "Oh, please God, not him too!" Only seven months earlier, her mother had died unexpectedly. This had left a huge hole in our family and our hearts.

I thought to myself, "Lord, what do I say? How do I ask you not to take him? What do I say to her?" At times like this, our hearts are so heavy, we really don't know what to say, but as Christians, we know God is there for us. We read in the book of Romans: "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26 (NASV). The Spirit helps us in our weakness. When we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

We have all been at a point where our hearts are so heavy and burdened that we don't know what to pray. Our loving, Heavenly Father understands, and He makes a way for us. With a grateful heart, I am happy to say God listened to the groanings of the Spirit that night. It has been six years since God was merciful and my father-in-law was revived. At 81 years young (He was just in the hayfield last week!), we all look at every day with him as a special gift from God.

Remember, when we are at our lowest, God is there. He knows everything, even when we don't have the words to ask! **GOD IS SO GOOD!**

**John Swonger – CBC Executive Board member**

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## **Weekly Prayer Point**

In these times in which we live, let us rejoice in the goodness, wisdom, and purposes of God, who is eternal and not bound by time, having placed us into time right where we belong --- "**for such as a time as this**"! Let us PRAISE God for the gift of the Holy Spirit as we bear witness to Christ's Lordship.

We rejoice in the opportunity of today to be Your witness. Father, remind us that you are a God of order and purpose! That with the passing of every moment, You are accomplishing Your holy and righteous will. May Your life, light, love, hope, joy, and forgiveness be seen in the Body of Christ.

### **Please pray for these congregations and pastors:**

- Ebeneza Congregation in Tanzania, Africa and Pastor Irene Aniseih Chandeu
- Elk Run Congregation in Churchville, VA and Pastor Jonathan Farmer

### **CBC Prayer Committee**