

Munich, February 2nd of 2004

Dear Pastor & Church!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! (Belated, sorry!) THANK YOU for supporting us so faithful all these years. We do NEED your continued prayers! What can a missionary do without his wife? Here is my urgent PRAYER REQUEST.

My dear Sandy, has been suffering with different kinds of physical problems over the years. Perhaps you remember the cancer operation she had in 2000. Someone told me: "If your wife suffers, it's because the husband is either not treating her right or the devil is after you." We know the devil hates us. He hates the work that you and we are doing for the glory of God, winning souls and starting churches.

Over the last few years my dear Sandy also has developed a PROLAPED COLON problem. She needs 'emergency' surgery. The doctors here in Munich are excellent. They want to perform the operation, BUT, the head surgeon checked with the financial department of his own Clinic, they would not honour our American Insurance. They told him we would have to put 10,000 Euro retainer fee on their desk before he can operate. He and I were shocked. At the present exchange rate this would be about \$12,500. The doctor said and two other doctors we have consulted, the hospital would take my Sandy, ONLY IF it was a 'real' emergency. By this they mean the intestine has ruptured and is in a bleeding. Nice picture! The doctors suggested NOT letting it go that far. This would be highly dangerous and life threatening. We have prayed for advice. They suggested flying to Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OHIO. The Dr.'s here know of their work. Cleveland Clinic has a COLON- RECTAL department. We have talked with them and they gave us the procedures. Lord willing we have decided to fly to USA on 19th of January. Sandy will be examined on the 21st, than the doctor Team will decide what to do next. WELL, we went to the Cleveland Clinic. At the present NO SURGERY (Praise the Lord), they gave my Sandy some medication to heal the area. Than in 3 weeks from now, they'll decide what to do next.

Here is our prayer request:

- 1. Please pray for my Sandy
- 2. pray for the doctors to make the proper decisions in the proceedings
- 3. pray the work here will continue to grow, (Missionary Bill Richard and his preaching team will watch over it)
- 4. pray for me. We have no idea of the cost, but we are assured the Lord will provide.

Last Thursday, Nse and I (he is one of our men and a church member), had the privilege to lead his dying friend to the Lord. His name is Raymond Olubunmi. Sunday he was 60 years old. He has had 3 surgeries already and is dying with cancer. My doctor friend told

me, before you leave for the USA, you need to visit Raymond one more time, he needs Jesus as his Saviour. PRAISE the Lord HE saved him. His name means: OLU = God, and BUNMI = given. Is that not great? God gave Raymond a Saviour! Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Your missionaries in Germany, Wilhelm & Sandra Falk

<u>OUR WORK:</u> church planting ministry, soul winning, tract distribution, preaching 4 to 5 times weekly, visiting homes & hospitals, distributing Bibles, correspondence school with Bible lessons, writing German material.