

Please accept my sincere thanks for all of your prayers and expressions of support. Our journey is extremely difficult and we are able to take each step because of your continued support. The pain is unimaginable as we struggle to find our way through the darkness but we feel God's hands holding us and giving us strength. Earlier this month, a sixth grade student shared a verse that has been a mainstay for me: "The Lord will fight for you, you need only be still" Exodus 14:14. I am very grateful for the opportunity to return to work. The work I do at Ada Christian helps provide purpose and meaning for my daily life.

As some of you may know, three years ago, our daughter, Jane was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. While we know that her medication provided stability, she still struggled with the many of the characteristics and personality traits of a bipolar person. Our memory of Jane honors her many gifts, talents and contributions but fully recognizes her faults and brokenness. We receive great comfort from our assurance that Jesus hates the sin but loves the sinner — so much in fact — that He made the ultimate sacrifice for all His sinful children.

The ravages of sin are so great. We ask that you continue to pray for not only our family but also the family members of Jonathan Yarrington, praying especially for their healing and forgiveness. Another verse that has provided much support for us is: Hebrews 10: 23: "Let us hold unswervingly to hope we profess for He who promised is faithful." I ask that your response to this message be simply an acceptance, in Christian love, of my thanks.

In Christ Alone,  
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