



To Asia, With Love



Tim and Samantha Gordon

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Dear Friends and Family Across the Globe,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Karena's Emergency Medical Situation

This weekend out of the blue, our daughter, five-year-old Karena, had 3 Grand Mal seizures lasting 20-30 minutes each over the course of a couple hours. She was rushed to the nearest hospital by ambulance and then flown by helicopter to the nearest children's hospital where she received excellent care. During our four-day stay in the hospital Karena had two ECGs, lots of blood tests, a CT Scan and an MRI, plus some heavy doses of anti-seizure meds and antibiotics. You all, from



around the globe responded to our FB posts letting us know you were praying for our girl and it meant SO MUCH! That our daughter is alive and well with no lasting damage feels completely miraculous. Seizures of that number and length carry the risk of brain damage or fatality. So we feel like we've been through a massive storm and been spared. You were there for us in our time of need, and most importantly, God never left our side. For that we are eternally grateful. Thank you!



We are still dealing with the emotional scars of the trauma and of course feel quite exhausted, but are getting back into normal life routines with grateful hearts.

Every possible cause for the seizures was ruled out through the plethora of tests run at the hospital and the doctors believe it was just a fluke incident and don't expect it to happen again. They sent us home with some medication just in case it does, but don't anticipate we'll ever have to use it.

Incidentally, the MRI did show that Karena has the same Rathke's Cleft Cyst on her pituitary gland as Samantha, which can affect hormone production but negative effects from this aren't usually seen until later in life and this could not have been a cause of the seizures. Still, it's a gift to have discovered this so early on in her life so that we can begin praying now for it to disappear and for it to never cause her any problems.

We have been referred to a Pediatric Seizure Specialist and an Endocrinologist and are waiting to hear from them to book the appointments.

Thank you again, for praying!

2 Cor. 2:14 ... Thanks be to God, who...through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

Thank you also for your continued financial support!

Our Canadian Organization, Calvary International Canada (CIC), has closed until further notice and all of its agents, including us, have been let go. We are currently looking into other options, but for now, we've been told the last possible date for CIC to receive tax deductible donations for us is March 30, 2018. After that time, we do have PayPal, e-transfer, and our USA organization, FIRE International (FI). FI can only issue tax deductible receipts to donors from USA, and obviously none of the other options will offer tax deductible receipts. We hope that you will understand that we still need your financial support and hope that you will continue as we look into resolving this situation. This may take some time.

In USA please make checks payable to "FIRE International" and write "Tim and Samantha Gordon" in the memo line.

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