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*“Consider it a sheer gift, friends,
when tests and challenges come at
you from all sides.” —James 1:2*

Two supposed heart attacks. A helicopter ride to a Phoenix hospital. A broken thumb, a broken rib, and two trips to the Globe ER. All within one week. A week of extreme opportunities to dive deeper into God and to strengthen our faith. A week to bend lower and cry, “Not my will but Yours be done, Lord.” A week to reflect and realize that God really does have our best interests at heart, to cave into His whisper *“Trust me, child.”*

Tuesday morning Dale went for a Doctor’s appointment concerning vertigo and exhaustion. A few hours later he was sent to the hospital for the possibility of a heart attack earlier that week. He was sent home from the hospital with an appointment date later that month. That Thursday, at the office, Diana and Dale received a voicemail from a friend of ARM. Earlier that day this friend had been overwhelmed with a feeling that he needed to pray for Dale and Diana, and he said that a few hours later, after praying, he felt an all consuming peace come over him. Later that day, Dale was air evacuated by helicopter to St. Joseph’s in Phoenix. That voicemail was like a reminder that God knew what was going to happen and *He had it covered.*

I don’t share the “problems” that have happened to make you worry, for shock and awe or attention but to show how God works. Every day is an opportunity to fall even more in love with Him, and He never fails to give me another reason. He has been showing me His faithfulness, trustworthiness, and power continuously since I’ve arrived; I have no doubt that I am where I am supposed to be. I only wish I could accurately give you a picture of how big He has shown Himself to be, all He has done, all the prayers He has unarguably, undeniably answered; it would blow your mind. I am so glad I serve a God who is too big for me to describe with words, a God you have to experience for yourself.

So much has happened, it would be impossible to fit it all reasonably in my update. I don’t feel led to relate every event but instead to ask for prayer. God has opened my eyes to the power of prayer, it is something He is pressing on my heart; He is a God who answers His children’s cries.

Please pray for Dale and the health issues that he is experiencing currently. Pray for wisdom for the doctor’s, and definite answers and solutions.

Please pray for the young men on the Reservation. They are targeted at such early ages, bombarded by satan’s attacks because they could be such strong spiritual leaders. To look into the eyes of these boys is

heartbreak sometimes, knowing some of what they are going through but not being able to imagine the pain they have experienced in their short lives.

Pray for Apache Christian pastors, as they are on the front lines of a serious spiritual battle. Such a strong stand of faith will not go unnoticed; pray that they will cling to God, that their marriages and families will stay healthy, and that they will not rely on their own strength when trials and temptations come at them, but on God's.

Please pray for these smiles and faces, these little hands and feet.

