

**Miracles that follow the plow :: Please Pray for RobertW's Wife****Please Pray for RobertW's Wife - posted by TonyS (), on: 2007/10/30 19:34**

Anna, Robert Wurtz's wife is facing a severe health crisis. My wife and I have known this couple for a dozen years and have ministered with them countless times over the years. Anna also works for my wife in Long-Term Care and is a needed blessing on a daily basis to her elderly residents.  
I will let Robert share any details he feels appropriate.

Most here on SI know Robert, and he has been a great blessing to us. Now his family needs us.

In Christ,  
Tony & Dawn Sexton

**Re: Please Pray for RobertW's Wife, on: 2007/10/30 19:49**

Tony,

Thanks for this word.

**Re: Please Pray for RobertW's Wife, on: 2007/10/30 19:50**

Yes, will certainly be praying for Anna.

Sigh. So many people that are wanting to serve God getting sick. This breaks your heart.  
Lord Bless the Wurtz's please. Continue to hold them up and bring healing Father - in Jesus Name.

**Re: Please Pray for RobertW's Wife, on: 2007/10/30 19:50**

I will be praying for Anna and Robert.  
Thanks for sharing this.

**Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/10/30 19:51**

I too will pray

**Re: Please Pray for RobertW's Wife - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/10/30 20:38**

Praying here also...

God bless you and keep you both.

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/10/30 20:40**

May the Lord give a word of hope and joy in this trail. May he use to draw them closer to his feet.

One answered prayer will keep you until dawn.. John piper.

A mind set on Christ has perfect peace.

I am praying  
Charlene

**Re: Please Pray for RobertW's Wife - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/10/30 20:56**

Robert and Anna,

Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

May the Lord's healing and peace rest upon you,  
in Jesus Name.

We will all be in prayer, our Lord is faithful to His promises.

In His Love  
pastorfrin and family

**Re: - posted by Andrew\_Strom, on: 2007/10/30 21:05**

We too will pray.

Be encouraged, Robert and Anna!

BE HEALED Anna, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All our love,

Andrew, Jacqui and household.

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/10/30 21:54**

Hi Everyone,

Thanks for bringing this up Bro. Tony. In 2005 my wife Anna had a test of her thyroid gland for cancer that came up negative. A few weeks ago she went to the ear, nose, throat doctor to have her ear canal checked. The Dr. found that she had an enlarged thyroid and ordered an ultrasound. She did that on Thursday and we left for Canton late night Friday. Saturday they called her cell and were concerned with multiple nodules. They ordered a biopsy and we returned home for the appointment 12:00 PM Friday in Kansas City. Our hearts were focused on seeking the Lord and revival in our lives, homes, and church. I had a peace about it all and did not worry about it. I knew it was in God's hands.

We discussed a little on the way home about it- as we had been through this before and it was negative. 95% of nodules are not cancer. She went in for the biopsy Friday. We patiently and peacefully waited. No doubt the refreshing we received in Canton was a Godsend.

My wife and I learned a few hours ago that she has cancer of the thyroid gland and according to her E.N.T doctor has a probability of being malignant. They will remove one lobe and test for sure to see if it has spread. Please be in prayer as the Lord may lay her upon your heart. We have walked the valley of death before a number of times; We are trusting the Lord.

God Bless and many thanks,

-Robert

**Re:, on: 2007/10/30 22:16**

Brother Robert, I don't know if this would help, but Pastor Tim, a wonderful brother, has a daughter who had this problem as a teen.

This is his Site <http://www.cybersalt.org/cleanlaugh/>

And this is the Forum where at the time, back then, he posted the pictures after her surgery etc. - ([http://www.cybersalt.org/component/option,com\\_joomlaboard/Itemid,139/func,view/id,32/catid,10/](http://www.cybersalt.org/component/option,com_joomlaboard/Itemid,139/func,view/id,32/catid,10/)) If you'd like to contact him - he's a very dear brother and answers emails promptly enough or you could post there. He knows all about thyroid problems.

With our prayers for you both. Jesus is good!

**Re:, on: 2007/10/30 22:24**

Praying for Anna. Here is a book that might be encouraging to her, it's Gwen Wilkerson's story, David Wilkerson's wife who battled cancer along with her daughters:

[http://www.amazon.com/Cross-Scalpel-Untold-Story/dp/0800793552/ref=sr\\_1\\_1/105-1880635-4811640?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1193797001&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Cross-Scalpel-Untold-Story/dp/0800793552/ref=sr_1_1/105-1880635-4811640?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1193797001&sr=1-1)

I would like to get this one too, it's called, "Abiding In His Strength". I've heard it's a very encouraging book. This woman has been through many battles.

[http://www.worldchallenge.org/miva/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store\\_Code=WCOS&Product\\_Code=AS&Category\\_Code=B](http://www.worldchallenge.org/miva/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=WCOS&Product_Code=AS&Category_Code=B)

**Praying for Anna - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/10/31 8:46**

Dear brother ...

There is a cry that goes forth ...

**Re: Praying for Anna - posted by lastblast (), on: 2007/10/31 15:50**

Lifting Robert and Anna in prayer to the Lord.....

**Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2007/10/31 15:56**

May God in His loving kindness, and tender mercies, reach down and heal you Anna, by the stripes of His Precious Son, Jesus Christ.

May He strengthen you, Robert, and bring both of you forth stronger in Him, and the Power of His might.

Nellie

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2007/10/31 20:16**

Hi RobertW...

We are praying. We serve a God for whom all impossibilities are possibilities. My wife and I are sharing this request with other believers.

Matthew 6:33

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/10/31 20:19**

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. Our faith and trust is in the Lord.

Much love,

Robert

**Re:, on: 2007/10/31 20:37**

Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

**Update 10/31/07 - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/10/31 23:17**

They have scheduled Anna for surgery on Nov. 30th as the hospitals are filled up with surgery and they feel the cancer is slower growing. We thank God that we heard today the cancer is not one of the more dangerous types. It still 'might' be malignant, but because the thyroid cancer cells upload iodine, they can give a iodine with an isotope to kill only those thyroid cells. She is not out of the woods by any means, but we praise God for a brighter outlook.

An additional concern is that Anna has suffered with post partum cardiomyopathy resulting in congestive heart failure (30% EF) since 2000, and has improved until she is now at 40% EF (55%+ is normal). This heart condition potentially complicates any surgery.

Thanks again for all the prayers and words of encouragement.

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/11/2 12:43**

My dear brother

My love to you both at this time. What a joy to have been able to meet face to face after all these years (and emails). You will be much in my thoughts and always in my heart.

Please assure Anna of my love and prayer.

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/11/30 23:16**

This morning at 8:00 AM my wife Anna went in for surgery to remove, what was likely to be her entire thyroid gland. We were told, based upon the biopsy described in the previous posts, that she had a cancerous nodule that was 3 CM in length. This would mean removal of the thyroid and probably radioactive iodine treatment. She went into surgery at 10:30 AM CST.

At around 12:10 PM the surgeon returned with the news that they did NOT find ANY cancer. This is nothing short of a Divine Miracle. The thyroid has a large amount of scar tissue, but the 3CM nodule was not even mentioned. There will be further and more extensive tests on the thyroid tissue to see if anything else can be discovered; but we have a 97-98% likelihood that she is cancer free. The surgery went well and as planned other than the absence of cancerous nodule. :-)

I wish to thank God for His mercy. God is good no matter whether He heals us or not; but I praise Him for His wondrous works. My wife and I wept with joy and relief at the news. It has seemed that Hell itself has opened up a battery upon us this year; but God's grace has been sufficient.

I wish to thank all those that have prayed for Anna and myself and our family through this very difficult time. We have felt the undergirding of God through His grace and your prayers. We send you all our love.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/30 23:30**

**BLESS GOD !**

So grateful - Thank You Dear Jesus for your Mercy.

Major Smiles here.

Thank You Jesus!!!

Dear GOD - continue to Bless Anna & Robert in everyway - Thank You Lord God of Hosts - Thank You Jesus. Amen.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/11/30 23:33**

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Praise God!

**Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2007/11/30 23:38**

Quote:  
-----God is good no matter whether He heals us or not  
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Amen brother!

God be praised!

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/11/30 23:39**

The Lord is so good!

Grace upon grace upon grace.

**Re:, on: 2007/11/30 23:44**

Praise God! That's two answers to prayer on SI in one week! :-) God is good!

**Robert and Anna - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/12/1 6:46**

Wonderful brother, truly wonderful ...

**Living in Psalm 23 - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/1 8:05**

Quote:  
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Thanks again to all for their loving thoughts and prayers. I am still this morning trying to come to terms with the news. M

Maybe it is why God gave me such a peace in Canton; He knew what He would do.

I never take for granted God's mercy and healing. My wife has suffered with various health issues since she was a teenager. She was essentially anorexic when we met, weighing in at 100 lbs. They called her "Anna-Rexic." Over time she put on weight and that became a non-issue.

At another time her kidneys were so bad that her urine was the color of coffee. Her regular doctor was horrified and sent her from her office directly to a specialist. God began to work again. She seemed to be just inches from full-on kidney failure. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers us out of them all (Psalm 34:19).

I could mention many other 'lesser illnesses'.

In 2000 my wife had our youngest son. The doctors were in a confusion, that, in my opinion allowed my wife to go until the baby was 10 lbs 5 ounces. They knew that the baby was near 10 lbs and comforted us by saying that at that size it may be born with a broken collar bone. No kidding. I was beside myself for a month not understanding why they would not induce labor. The baby was born fine and so 'mature' that he could grab and pull the wires on the incubator. He was larger and more alert than some 3 month old babies I have seen.

All seemed well until the night she came home. She was laboring for breath. Her breathing rate was about 90 or so and her oxygen was dangerously low. Her lungs had filled with fluid. I rushed her right to the ER. They have a diuretic and 25 lbs of water came off in about a day. The pregnancy had taken her into what is called *post partum cardiomyopathy*. She had congestive heart failure. The same illness that took her mother at 55 years old. Her EF was 30%, (55% and above is normal at 20% and below they start talking heart transplant). She was 29- almost 30 years old and we had a newborn baby and 5 other children.

By way of testimony and for God's glory He led me to fast for my wife a special 'fast' not letting my right hand know what the left hand was doing. It was a morning 'fast'. No food could be eaten until lunch time under any circumstances. No snacks, no donuts, no anything but water (as I recall). This went on for just under 7 months. I did not expect my wife to live but about 5 years. Her mother lived only about 3 years after her diagnosis. Her legs swelled daily with all manner of symptoms of the heart condition (tiredness, weakness, etc.).

Slowly she got stronger and her EF came up to just around 40% which it has stayed to this day aside from what was thought to be a heart attack leading to a heart catheterization in 2006. We were told her EF was at 20% and she would be disabled and likely need a pace maker. In March 2007 she returned to the cardiologist for more testing and the EF was at 40% again. To make along story simple; that is almost like having a new lease on life. She was 5% away from needing a heart transplant.

The cancer was first 'suspected' in 2005 when lymph nodes were swollen in her neck. The Dr. ordered several tests and a nuclear scan to look for cancer. Since cells upload glucose a batch of glucose with an isotope can be put into the body and since cancer cells eat up lots more glucose than normal cells they can look at where those isotopes are accumulating with a nuclear scanning device. They found 'hot' spots on the thyroid which are generally NOT cancer, but were divided on what to do next. Finally they took a wait and see approach.

The thyroid lump was spotted by a different ENT Dr. Actually, a very highly qualified Dr. with quite a history. She was in for treatment of exema of the ear canal (which is one of the ongoing other issues we deal with). He felt the thyroid nodule it was so large. He sent for an ultrasound. It was 3 CM. He then ordered a biopsy- calling us on our way to Canton.

I will not soon forget the circumstances surrounding her getting the news that it was cancer. I came to pick her up at work and two workers frantically came out to tell me to come inside right away. Tragically, one of the workers passed away suddenly and unexpectedly about a week later. I went inside and her Dr. had called with the news as she was leaving the building. Cancer is a very disturbing word to hear. She was obviously shaken down and very vexed and emotional. Workers came around to console her. Tony posted the message here in the forums. It has been a long several weeks. God has given us strength. We were expecting CANCER spread at least to the lymph nodes. In a few days we will have all the results back; but as it stands she is Cancer free. She has effectively gone from cancer to no cancer.

**Re:, on: 2007/12/1 8:10**

Great news. Thank You Lord.

**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/12/1 10:21**

Wow, more news of God's awesome mercy and faithfulness. We give God thanks and praise!

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/12/1 10:45**

Robert, this is wonderul, your testimony and Pastorfrin's together are like twin monuments to God's amazing work. How blessed we are to serve such a God, there is none like Him, He made the sky and He heals our bodies. I rejoice with you!

**Re:, on: 2007/12/1 11:12**

Praise God!

*"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*

*They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.*

*The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."*

*Psalms 145:3-4, 7, 9*

**Re: Roberts wife - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2007/12/1 15:11**

Robert,

Thank you for sharing more of your wife's story. Praise God for watching over her and for the wonderful results!!! I know it must be a wonderful relief for her and for you.

In His love, Chanin

**Re: - posted by TonyS (), on: 2007/12/1 15:56**

My wife and I were able to get to the Hospital late last night and it was good to sense a peace and rest in Anna that we of course have not seen for some time.

And as Robert has aptly said, whether or not we see physical manifestations of healing, we believe God is good all the time!

It has been a trying year on many fronts here locally, yet I am reminded of a song I guess from the 70's...

I've had many tears and sorrows,  
I've had questions for tomorrow,  
There've been times I didn't know right from wrong:  
But in every situation God gave blessed consolation  
That my trials come to only make me strong.

Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to trust in Jesus,

I've learned to trust in God;  
Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to depend upon His Word.

I thank God for the mountains,  
And I thank Him for the valleys,  
I thank Him for the storms  
He brought me through;  
For if I'd never had a problem  
I wouldn't know that He could solve them,  
I'd never know what faith in God could do.

I think Robert feels the same way; there is a real renewed desire the likes of which I have not felt since late 2003 to get it right with a message and lifestyle of Holiness unto the Lord. One only needs to read the daily news briefly to know we live in perilous times. And yes truly, in every situation God gives blessed consolation and my trials indeed makes one strong.

Our best,  
Tony & Dawn Sexton

**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/12/1 17:51**

Robert and Anna,

My family and I rejoice with you. The Lord is Faithful, Praise be unto Him.

Psalm 103:1-22

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

"Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul."

In His Love  
pastorfrin and family

**A Thank You Message From Anna - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/1 18:24**

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Thanks for all the prayers. They did not find any cancer. Praise God. I should not have to take any medicine (thyroid medicine). I thank God that He answers prayer. Amen. Thanks to all the brothers and sisters that prayed for me. I am at home resting now.

God Bless you all,

Anna

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**Re: A Thank You Message From Anna, on: 2007/12/2 8:38**

Thanking God with you Anna. Glory to God!  
He is so good. Praying your resting time will be a refreshing time also in His beauty.

Lord Bless your home.

Annie

**Still Thanking God - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/3 20:58**

James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

I have often reflected on this verse. The man that penned these words by the Holy Spirit has long since fulfilled them. There is something about the nearness of death that brings an urgency. If God give us more time, what had He intended for the use of it? Surely all that He does is for a purpose. There is yet a word to be spoken and a God to be revealed in this generation. Please pray for Anna and I that we would see ever more clearly the perfect will of God for our lives.

**Re: Still Thanking God, on: 2007/12/6 13:47**

Love is such a powerful act of God.

The Lord is thrilled about your love for each other.

That - in and of itself, is a mighty-powerful witness on this earth.

Praying Anna is resting sweetly in His arms and neither of you feel any stresses of this world and are able to just enjoy each other during this time of peace.

LORD mightily Bless you both! Amen.

**Re: \* UPDATE \* - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/11 19:09**

I wanted to pass on this update as to my wife Anna's surgery. She returned to the Dr. on Friday and received a very good report. The wound is healing very well with a small scar and there were no major issues to be concerned with.

There was one additional bit of info that I wish to pass on to keep the record clear. When the pathology report came back, after extensive dissection of the thyroid lobe, there was a trace of hurthle cells found deep inside the thyroid gland. They were papillary cancer cells. The surgeon was not at all alarmed as they were in the earliest stages and contained to that tiny spot. They were all removed and there were no traces of cancer any place else.

I suppose it is only fitting. We had some people telling us to sue the Dr. for false diagnosis and several 'doubters' about how God had healed my wife. I think God left just enough there to prove it was there in the first place. What a wonderful God! No further treatment is needed. Just precautionary yearly checkups and a blood test for thyroid hormone levels. :-)

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/12/11 22:41**

Robert and Anna,

What an honor it was to spend even a little time with the both of you this past October. This good report is all the richer to me because I saw how your hearts are as true as your posts here at SI.

I'm so very gratified by this news. Praise God for the healthy report.

MC

**Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2007/12/12 3:18**

That is great to hear brother. You and yours must be most relieved. Truly God has shown His greatness here. :-)

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2007/12/12 12:14**

Thanks again to everyone for their encouraging words and prayers. We feel very blessed for the fellowship in this ministry. It is surely a Godsend.

**Re: \*UPDATE\*, on: 2007/12/12 15:01**

Glory to God in the Highest.

What blessed news. Thank You Jesus.