



Miracles that follow the plow :: Fast and Pray

Fast and Pray - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/19 23:02

A dear friend and brother Baltazar Rizzo here in Logan Utah, yesterday had a seizure , lost consciousness and quit breathing for an unknown amount of time. He was life flighted to the hospital in Ogden Ut. and things are not looking good. He is married with four children. Please lift him up and please make this a priority, he is a dear friend of my family.

Trusting Him; Alan

Re: Fast and Pray - posted by crsschk (), on: 2009/4/19 23:36

Yes brother, I will be praying.

Keep us posted.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/4/20 0:20

Greetings

I will pray for your friend and his family.

God Bless

MJ

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/20 10:19

I won't share a lot of detail on Baltazar since even the different doctors treating him are not in total agreement. The last doctor that saw him or spoke with Heather was much more optimistic than the previous one that reported to her earlier this morning. The challenge at this point is to get a reflex response from Balto so they can tell there is not long term neurological damage from him being without oxygen for awhile. This was apparently due to the heart valve and flow of blood to the brain and lungs more so than just his breathing. The doctors have been working with Balto to get that response and say it may still be too early to tell and may take 3-4 more days.

Of course we know there is no challenge too difficult for the Lord and we wait on Him for His timing to revive Balto. Heather is doing well standing in faith and close by his side as are the children. His extended family at MBC and other places are in continuous prayer for Baltazar and his family as they are much loved.

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/4/20 12:16

My wife and I are praying, brother.

Re: Fast and Pray, on: 2009/4/20 15:18

Read this late last night and emailed it out.

This is strange, now that you've explained what has happened to him.

About a month ago, the same thing happened to a young man who is in the military and a part of our Church. It happened two weeks before his Wedding Day.

He is making remarkable recovery.

Am praying with friends that Baltazar will also.

Lord Bless you all out there.

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/20 19:33

Thank you all for praying, please continue.

Re: Fast and Pray, on: 2009/4/20 20:37

May the Lord have mercy on him, and make your face to shine down upon him.....Frank

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/21 1:58

I can sure say that Heather and family feel the loving prayers that are going up to our Lord for them and I think that includes Baltazar,. There was some great encouragement this morning as doctors backed off some of Balto's medication he opened his eyes and had quite a bit of movement. The movement according to the doctors report was less of a posturing movement, which is a good sign. It's still not what they are ultimately looking for, which is more reflexive movement but it's in the right direction. This response could be several more days in coming. At least the doctor said they would not take a negative view until 10-14 days of not seeing it. This means patience and waiting on the Lord for all of us and especially Heather and the children. They continue to do well in the Lord's strength and the pouring out of love from many of you.

Not to get overly medical but I know some of you are still wondering about the heart condition. Technically Balto didn't have a heart attack but the doctor today said it was in fact, cardiac arrest that he experienced. What is termed ventricular fibrillation or in plain terms his heart was quivering instead of properly pumping for awhile. They don't know how long but it was the CPR that Ed and Heather gave along with the electra-paddles that brought him out of that, praise God.

Another significant prayer concern is now Balto's lungs and the aspiration that took place. He is on antibiotics and now running a temperature of around 102 once they stopped cooling his body. In your prayers be sure and thank God for what he has already delivered Balto from while trusting that He will continue to revive him as we wait for this answer to our prayers.

One more thought. As friends from work and other acquaintances of Balto have dropped by the hospital and contacted Heather they have freely commented on how well he has always treated others. I think we all would like to have that type of testimony in our life

Re: Thans God - posted by Gioco, on: 2009/4/21 7:18

Dear Alan I am a Baltazar Rizzo's School mate from Venezuela, now I am living in UK. WE, all his classmates from Nostira Signora di Pompei School (Caracas) are praying for him and for his family, they need all our support. Our prayers are focusing on his prompt recovering.

Please keep us informed about his progress.

God bless you!

If you have some contact with Rizzo's family give them a big hug from us.

Regards

Gioconda Mancusi

Promocion 77 Pompei

Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2009/4/21 10:16

Our God is able to work it out for His Glory.

May He draw this Family unto Himself.

God Bless

Nellie

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/21 10:36

I just spoke with Mike, and without a lot of details at this point. He told me that Balto is being sent to another hospital to perform heart surgery as he has a hole in his heart that needs repairing. Please pray for him and his wife Heather, his 3 daughters Rosa, Erica, and Rebecca as well as his son Tomas. Thank you.

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/4/21 14:22

Continuing in prayer, brother. Please keep us updated.

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/21 16:05

Update: Maranatha community and others;

Some things have changed medically with Baltazar and not so much for the worse. Part of the condition that may have caused the cardiac arrest with Balto was a heart valve problem he has known about and been treated for in the past. Last night they moved Balto to IMC hospital in Murray. This is a high level hospital as I understand it with excellent surgical care. The doctors have decided in order to get his condition well stabilized they need to do a procedure to close a hole in his heart related to this valve problem. As I understand it this will not be open heart surgery but cardiac catheterization where they enter the femoral artery and go into the heart from there. This will likely take place in a couple of days from now. Some good news in the process they have been able to get his temperature down.

Besides the continued prayer for Balto's heart procedure this will require a move for Heather and some of the children. I believe Heather said that Thomas and Rebecca will come back to Logan for school, while staying with a family but Erica and Rosa along with Heather will need a place to stay in Murray. I have tried to contact church family in that area to see about a family they would stay with close by but in the meantime they will likely be at a close by motel. This and other expenses, as you can only imagine, build up quickly. Many have already started putting funds together to take care of some needs for the Rizzo family. I wanted to let you know you can do that through a fund for the Rizzos at Maranatha. You can make the check or contribution to MBC and mark it Rizzos. We will be getting those funds to Heather immediately. This is likely to be a fairly drawn out time for the Rizzos so we will be continuing this as the Lord leads.

On my knees beside you,
Mike

Re: Fast and Pray, on: 2009/4/21 16:34

Thank you Alan. Keep these coming. We're emailing them out as fast as you post them. GOD Bless you and all there - Amen, and Amen.

Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2009/4/21 19:10

We are having a prayer meeting in about an hour and will join in prayer for him.

Clint

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/22 13:12

Praise be to God!! Heather called and said that Balto is responding to questions. He nodded yes when asked if he knew where he was and who she is. He is not out of the woods yet, he still must go for heart surgery Thursday or Friday and we must pray for that and also that there will be no long term effects to his brain. May God alone receive the glory!!!

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/4/22 14:14

Thank you for the update, brother. I have passed this prayer need to my family and friends. We are praying!

Re: , on: 2009/4/22 15:13

Quote:

alan4jc wrote:
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Amen, and Amen!

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/22 19:09

Brothers and Sisters,

Concerning Baltazar, As the doctors continued to work with regulating his medication he woke up and was very responsive as we have been praying. He recognized Heather and even told her he was chilly. Praise God he feels that and can say so. He is still a bit confused as you would normally expect and for that reason Heather wants to wait awhile until he has many visitors.

Other good news is that his temperature is still back to normal. However we do need to continue to pray that he is able to expell the fluid from his lungs and the onset of any pneumonia doesn't occur. Heather said they are not going to do the repair of the heart valve at this time although a more comprehensive surgery (probably open-heart) will be necessary once he's up to it. He is still in the IMC hospital and I believe he will stay there for some days.

In addition to praying for the Rizzo's time ahead be sure and spend as much time thanking God for his tender mercies upon to this time.

Rejoicing with you,
pastor Mike

Re: - posted by bowmyknees, on: 2009/4/23 15:18

Praying

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/23 16:59

Dear Saints, I received an update that Baltazar is speaking and joking as normal. He told his daughter Erica that his chest hurt and she said " thats because Ed was pushing on it to save your life" Balto said " where is that guy I'm gonna get him" I cannot tell you how grateful I am to the Lord for His grace and mercy towards Balto and his family. Please know that our God is able to do abundantly above all that we can ask or think. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

Blessings in Christ; Alan

Re: Fast and Pray, on: 2009/4/23 17:15

GLORY to GOD!!

Keep on LORD, To YOUR GLORY!

Thank you for this Smile Alan!

Thank You Jesus.

Re: - posted by bowmyknees, on: 2009/4/25 11:46

Praise Honor and Glory to our God
Faithful and True
Jesus King of Kings and Lord of Lords
Praying

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/4/26 10:29

Dear Maranatha family,

It is 6 am on sunday morning and I can not help but think of you. At this time I am doing very well and the Doctors have a couple of more tests to do to check the condition of my heart and if every thing looks good they will put an internal difibulator on me and they will send me home some time next week.

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The results of this was an amazing recovery. The doctors could not believe it. Their response was, "we have never seen anybody under your condition recovered this quick." I kept telling them that it was a miracle from God and they will look at me dumbfounded.

Dear brothers and sisters, let our prayers and worshipping God continue in our church as we have been doing.

I love you and thank you for all you have done for me and my family.

Love,
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Glory to God

my friend from Logan called yesterday to share this Awesome report

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Baltazar - posted by crsschk (), on: 2009/4/26 11:31

:-)

Re: Baltazar, on: 2009/4/26 13:43

Glory to GOD, Amen! Bless you ALL out there in Utah. LORD GOD Bless you all!!