

pray

## Home Again...

Warriors and Friends,

What a journey through the wilderness this past month has been! Without your prayers and God's grace we surely would not have made it to the other side. Thank you so much for your continued and valiant prayers. Here is a summary of what has transpired:

- May 8, I (Jenni) was hospitalized with <u>Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)</u>, with blood clots blocking the length of my left leg.
- May 10, I was moved to ICU when they discovered the clots were extending through my pelvis and up near my heart.
- May 14, I had a pulmonary embolism when one of the clots went to my lung.
- May 17, I was diagnosed with <u>May-Thurner Syndrome</u>, which can be a precursor to the type of DVT that I have.
- May 23rd I was transferred by medical transport from Chiang Mai to Bangkok for more specialized care. It was a 10 hour trip.
- May 24-27, I had three very difficult surgeries and a 2nd pulmonary embolism that left me with a
  partially collapsed lung.
- They placed two stents in the primary veins of my pelvis and leg and a special filter near my heart to catch any further blood clots. They were able to restore 70-80% of the blood flow to my left leg.
   One of the more superficial veins was 100% blocked and a total loss. They hope that my body will compensate by developing new routes of blood flow.
- May 29, our first two littles graduated from our Compass 31 child development program (Elina Marie Safari) and are now confidently starting first grade.
- May 31, After 23 days in the hospital (16 of those in ICU) I was released and allowed to return to Chiang Mai for what is likely to be a long period of recuperation at home. I will be on blood thinners for at least one year.
- Through it all, Compass 31 ran smoothly. Our girls were well taken care of by our Thai and American staff. Two summer interns arrived. And everyone grew up a little bit in the past month as they each stepped up and into more responsibility in the absence of KJ and I.
- Through it all, we found God's grace to be sufficient.

KJ and I are so grateful to once again all be sleeping under the same roof with our kids and our girls; where we are overwhelmed with giggles and cuddles and noise and chaos. The girls are well, the littles are well, Scarlet and Maverek are well, the interns are well. And we are grateful for each of you. Thank you for carrying us through this very painful season.

In His Grip, Jenni for the family