

親愛的弟兄姊妹平安!

主所帶領的道路雖然有時有危險與不平，但祂的恩典總是超過我們所想所求的，也感謝主！弟兄姊妹對我的關愛，都令我非常感動，使我心裡更平安與喜樂。

6/15，由外科醫生安置了化療使用的靜脈輸液器（port-a-cath）– 我是最怕在血管插針的人，因為每次護士都要試兩三次，才插的上血管，有些時候甚至還要靠機器才能找到血管。所以在聽到要用靜脈輸液器這個方法，雖然要作一個小手術，但我還是很感謝主！作這手術前曾經與醫生討論，因為吃東西受胃腫瘤的影響，吃得非常少，要靠營養奶維持。醫生擔心化療時胃口會更不好，更不能吃東西，建議同時在腹部作一根輸食管（Feeding tube）的手術，直通小腸，直接將食物打進小腸，供應身體的養分。後來醫生經過幾天的考慮，最後決定不要作這手術。只得以後每餐多多倚靠主，盡量多吃。

6/16 開始第一次化療 – 感謝主！這是第一次化療，幾乎在沒有痛苦中進行。也沒有什麼不良的反應，最大的反應就是：回家吃晚餐時胃口大增，這兩天吃的東西跟師母與我姊姊的飯量差不多，因為本來醫生是說：化療過後一兩個月，腫瘤才會縮小，我才可以多吃。但沒有想到：第一天回家就可以不靠營養奶正常吃飯，這真是主奇妙的醫治大能，是神所行的神蹟。也感謝主！幫助醫生在最後一天，經過多方的研究，並與其他醫生討論過後，作了一個智慧的決定，不然這個輸食管的手術就白作了。感謝主！一開始就讓我經歷了祂行神蹟的大能！相信主必繼續作更奇妙的工作。

6/17 返回醫院打補鐵針 – 本來護士已經跟我說過，這次打補鐵針的時候，靜脈輸液器還會要繼續輸化療藥劑，所以補鐵針就必須要從血管打起，我心想這不僅是對護士找血管的挑戰，也是我又一次痛苦的經歷。但當我坐下來準備開始的時候，護士發現那些化療藥劑已經輸送完畢，這樣補鐵針就可以直接接上靜脈輸液器，應謝主！又免去一次的痛苦。主在大小事上都看顧，跟從祂的人必蒙恩。

6/30 是第二回的化療，請禱告，求主繼續彰顯祂奇妙的大能。也求主保守這兩週的精神與食慾良好，也可以繼續作祂的工，雖然工作量大減，但我這不配的器皿仍可被主使用。

主內
高榮德感恩分享

Dear brothers and sisters, Peace be with you!

The Lord leads; sometimes with danger, sometimes over steep hills, sometimes down deep valleys. Yet His grace always exceeds what we pray and wish. Thanks be to God! The care and love from the brothers and sisters touches my heart. It makes my heart even more peaceful and joyful.

On June 15, 2020, the surgeon installed a “port-a-cath” for chemotherapy. I was rather scared as this was threaded into my blood vessel. The nurses needed to try several times, even with the help of a machine to find the vessel. But I still gave thanks to God; for this, they noted, was a small surgery.

Before this surgery, I discussed with the doctors that I ate rather less probably because of the tumor at the stomach. I had rather depended on milk for nutrition. The doctors were concerned that the chemotherapy would decrease my appetite even more. So they suggested a surgery to add a feeding tube at my belly to go straight to the small intestine to provide nutrition. However, after careful observation for several days, the doctors decided not to do this surgery. I only needed to trust the Lord to help me eat more daily.

June 16 starting the chemotherapy. Thanks be to God, this first chemo brought neither pain nor a bad reaction. Unexpectedly, the biggest reaction was a restored appetite. The quantity of what I ate was almost the same as my wife and my elder sister eat. The doctors believe that as the tumor reduces, in one or two months I will easily eat more.

I did not expect that I could eat normally without milk. God’s wonderful mighty power did the miracle. Thanks also be to God that the Lord gave the doctors wisdom. Otherwise a feeding tube would have been futile. From the very beginning, I’ve experienced that God has done the unexpected, the miracle. I trust the Lord will continue more wonderful works.

So we come to June 17 and back to the hospital for an additional catheter insertion now focusing on providing iron. Originally the nurses told me that this iron feed would need a second catheter besides the feed of the chemo medicine. I was ready for another painful experience. But when I sat down, the nurses found that the chemo medicine had finished. So, the iron nutrition just used that vein infusion setup. Thanks be to God that I can skip some pain. The Lord is taking care of me on big and small things. Anyone who follows Him will be blessed.

I look forward now to June 30, the second round of chemotherapy. Please pray concerning this. Pray that the Lord continues His wonderful power. Also pray for the Lord to give me good health and good appetite so that I can continue His works. Even if my work load is reduced, I want this unworthy vessel to be used by Him.

In Him
Billy Ko shares thanksgiving