

Thursday - February 29

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

We were with our daughter, Jennah, and her family, celebrating our upcoming 50th wedding anniversary while camping in Moab, Utah. It was October 11, 2023, and we were getting ready to head out to explore Arches National Park when we received the fateful phone call. The fact that the phone rang should have told us immediately that God was touching us because cell phone connectivity had been an issue in that area. The call was from our daughter-in-law, Marissa, who informed us that our 40-year-old son, Chip, had suffered an ischemic cerebellar stroke and was en route to the hospital in Fort Myers, Florida, where they live.

So many “God touches” happened after that to get us to the point where we can happily say that our son returned to his job (while still managing some limitations) on January 4, 2024, where he works from home as a computer analyst, and his family is on track to return to their pre-stroke life. We felt God’s presence throughout this process and saw His hand in so many ways, such as: cell phone connectivity when it was needed in Utah; flight connections that “popped up” to get us to Fort Myers quickly; the nurse that held the phone to our son’s ear when we were laid-over during our flights so we could tell him we loved him and that we were on our way to be with him; the remarkable work of the medical team who saved our son’s life; the overwhelming prayer and financial support for our son; and the presence of God that helped us manage our emotions were all just the beginning.

God’s interactions didn’t end there ... ask us about them when you see us, and don’t overlook when Heaven touches Earth and God breaks through in your life.

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Prayer: Loving God, we did not get to explore the wonders of Arches National Park with our daughter’s family during that trip, but we were (and are) overwhelmed with the wonders of your love and mercies and the surrounding comfort of prayers. Thanks to our relationship with you and to those who instilled our faith throughout our lives, we can truly say that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! Amen.