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Dear Friends,

Well, the past couple weeks have been very busy and intense at times. Lisa, Kari and I had planned to come back to Michigan on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March to help with our son Kevin and his liver failure situation while Karissa and Kaley continue on with work back in Ireland. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March Kari was not feeling so well. We decided that I would continue on, and Lisa and Kari would delay two days and then come. We began helping with caring for Kevin who was home and bed bound. This would facilitate his wife being able to get back to some work at her job. We got involved with several things which included help with physical therapy. The first week went fairly well. The middle of the second week became more challenging with Kevin as his abdomen had been continually swelling due to the accumulation of fluid as a result of the liver not functioning. Things became very difficult for Kevin by Friday. Long story short after some phone calls etc. we were able to get it arranged to have Kevin ambulated down to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, almost two hours away. They got him in and stable, Lisa and I along with Kevin's wife have had to get an apartment for the week here next to the hospital so that we can be here each day for meetings and appointments. This liver failure also causes a bit of pendulum swings on his kidneys as well. They drained several litres of fluid off his abdomen which brought great relief to his whole body and breathing. They are doing some further ultrasound scans and continual blood tests. Please continue to pray with us for the possibility of a liver transplant to become a reality for Kevin.

God bless,  
Don and Lisa Thatcher