

Dear Friends

Thank you so very much for the many encouraging letters of concern, and assurances of prayer that we have received from all over the world. Since his birth 11 August 1995, Christopher has been blessed with extraordinary prayer. He was diagnosed in-utero with total renal failure and was delivered by C-Section one month premature. He spent his first month after birth in the Intensive Care Unit.

His paediatrician at the time informed us that he had no chance of survival and that we needed to prepare ourselves for his death within the month. However, in answer to the fervent prayers of family and friends worldwide, Christopher miraculously recovered kidney function in one kidney. When we thanked the doctor, he said: *"Don't thank me. There's nothing any of us could have done about this. This is an act of God!"*

However, they were still cautious and predicted that he would need a kidney transplant by at least age 2.

Now Christopher is 12½. As he is involved in his adolescent growth spurt, he has begun to drastically lose kidney function. Last year his one surviving kidney was calculated at 50% of kidney function. Earlier this year it had decreased to 40%. Now the last test calculated his kidney function at less than 28%.

Yesterday I spent most of the morning at the hospital having a battery of blood tests to ascertain my suitability for donating one of my kidneys to Christopher. At the moment they are talking about a transplant some time within the next year.

Christopher still looks remarkably healthy for a kidney patient with such a chronic problem. He is heavily involved in sporting activities, and won a bronze medal at a provincial tournament on Saturday. He has regularly climbed mountains, hiked in forests and enjoys soccer, rugby, biking and other outdoor activities. However, Christopher has little appetite and we are very concerned about his lack of growth. Lenora and I are very grateful for your love, concern and prayers. We see God's hand on Christopher, we are convinced that God will bless him and use him in a

mighty and special way for the advancement of His Kingdom.

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the Day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:3-6

May the Lord continue to be your joy and strength.

Yours for the fulfillment of the Great Commission

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