

REFIOR *News Bulletin*

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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Greetings again from the Refiors.

Several things have changed around here since the last *News Bulletin*. I told you about Pam's father, E.J. Petro's battle with cancer. On Friday, October 9, E.J. entered the surgery room of Howard Community Hospital to have the cancer removed, if possible. When they arrived to take E.J. to surgery several members of the family were there in E.J.'s room, talking and eating Nikki's birthday cake. Following prayer, we each gave E.J. a big hug, and then as the nurses wheeled him away, E.J. reached back his hand (just like in the Little Caesar's commercial where the man in the hospital grabs a piece of pizza on his way into the operating room, followed by the cheese stretching all the way until finally it snaps the man back into the maternity ward), and E.J. said, "Watch out for the cheese!" Even under the pre-operative medication, there he was cracking a joke. Then came hours of waiting. The time was interrupted by Pam walking full force into the edge of an automatic door, which brought her own medical attention. Pam continued her wait with an ice pack and a pillow. Finally, we were all summoned by the doctor to hear the news. He told us that he had been able to entirely remove the large tumor and that he saw no signs of cancer in other organs. What a wonderful answer to prayer! There will be six months of chemotherapy to make sure that there are no stray cancer cells. E.J.'s recovery from surgery is progressing step by step, and he still has considerable pain and discomfort, but on the whole E.J. is doing great. His color is better than it had been for months, and he is definitely on the mend. Thank you for praying.

I'll let Nikki tell you in her own words about the changes in her life:

Hi all, this is Nikki. I believe the last you heard I had moved to Beech Grove, a suburb of Indianapolis, and was into the swing of law school. Well, in the same week as grandpa's surgery I withdrew from law school. I was doing fine in classes -- in fact I found that because of my experience working as a legal secretary, I was picking things up a little easier than many of my friends. I had made many friends at school and enjoyed them very much. I had begun a Bible study with one Christian girl I met there. But I found that I actually had no personal interest in law as I read case, after case, after case. After much agonizing thought and prayer, and talking with my parents, I came to the conclusion that I did not want to be a lawyer or go into any type of job which would require a legal degree. At that point, to continue on with school was rather senseless, so I decided to withdraw. The morning after I had made my final decision, Dad called me and said that he had an immediate critical need for a short-term receptionist. He proposed that I come to work for him as a receptionist part time until he could hire someone new. That would give me income to live on while I looked for a job in Indianapolis, as well as give him time flexibility to do a thorough job interviewing applicants. It was a good deal all around, so that's what I did. I began

working all week except Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning (so that I could attend my new church's mid-week service in Indianapolis). Then on weekends I would go down to Indy again. With work in Warsaw and all of the travel time (I put over 3,000 miles on my car this last month), I haven't really had time to do much job hunting in Indianapolis. This Friday will be my last day here at the office. After that I will stay in Indianapolis and put my energies into searching for the job God has for me. It will be nice to stay in one place for more than a couple days at a time.

Dad said in his last bulletin that I was in the process of looking for a church to attend. I have found that church, and have become active at Gray Road Baptist. The singles group is very active and has welcomed me with open arms. I have made several friends, and count it a true joy to spend time with them. There is a good possibility that one of the girls, Stephanie Churchill, will eventually become my roommate when Jill (my present roommate) gets married in March. If you think of it, you might pray for Stephanie. She just broke up with her fiance, who is not a Christian, this week. She knows that the decision was correct, but she still loves him and it's not easy for her right now. All in all, I have made many new friends, and enjoy life in Indianapolis very much. I do plan to find a job there rather than expand my search to other cities. I feel that God has led too clearly and done too much to get me in that spot for me to turn around and leave right away. [end of Nikki's part]

The entire family will be traveling down to Bloomington this Saturday to watch the Iowa Hawkeyes beat Indiana University. My Hawks have not had a stellar season this year, but I am confident that they can win this Saturday, and we will have the privilege of cheering them on in person. What fun! Pam and I met with Kurt and Julie Swaim in Champaign, Illinois last month to watch the Hawkeye football team handily defeated Illinois. We had a delightful week-end.

Laura continues to be very busy. She is involved in the school play which requires a couple hours after school every day for practice. She continues to take voice lessons from an excellent instructor at Grace College. She works hard on school projects and homework and received outstanding grades in the last grading period. Laura is having a super junior year and is really having a lot of fun.

I mentioned Jeff Hodges - the husband of Johna Hodges who works at the law office - in the last *News Bulletin*. He is doing well these days. He is back at work and gaining more strength all the time. We are all very pleased to see how the Lord has worked in healing him.

Pam and I traveled over to Iowa Wesleyan College a month ago for our 20-year reunion. We had a delightful time seeing friends and looking around our old stomping grounds. It did seem that many of our friends simply looked so much older than we remembered them ... hmmm. It really was fun to see old friends. Pam and I had not been back into one IWC building or back to an IWC function since we graduated in May, 1972. Reunions always cause me to reflect a bit on what has transpired since the event being celebrated. The past two decades have been so wonderful. Since

graduating from college both Pam and I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior. Both of our daughters have been saved. We have -- by God's grace -- a beautiful, warm, loving, joyful, happy, mutually supportive and fun family. To have a family that is united in Jesus Christ is of immeasurable value and we thank the Lord for that. Both Nikki and Laura have grown up to be lovely young ladies who are walking with the Lord. "I have no greater joy than this, that my children are walking in the truth" III John 4. This is true for spiritual children, and it is most definitely true of our own children. The Lord has allowed me to enter a profession which is exciting, challenging, and fulfilling. I can't imagine being anything other than a lawyer. Through the law office the Lord continues to give opportunities for personal ministry. Additionally, the Lord has given to us various opportunities to serve him through the years. The Lord led us to an outstanding little community, Warsaw, Indiana. We absolutely love it here. We have such pleasant physical environments for living and work. The Lord has granted us good health for the most part. We've had the opportunity to be a part of a strong local church. The Lord has brought wonderful people for us to work with. And I could go on and on and on about the many blessings that the Lord has showered upon us over the past 20 years. How thankful we are.

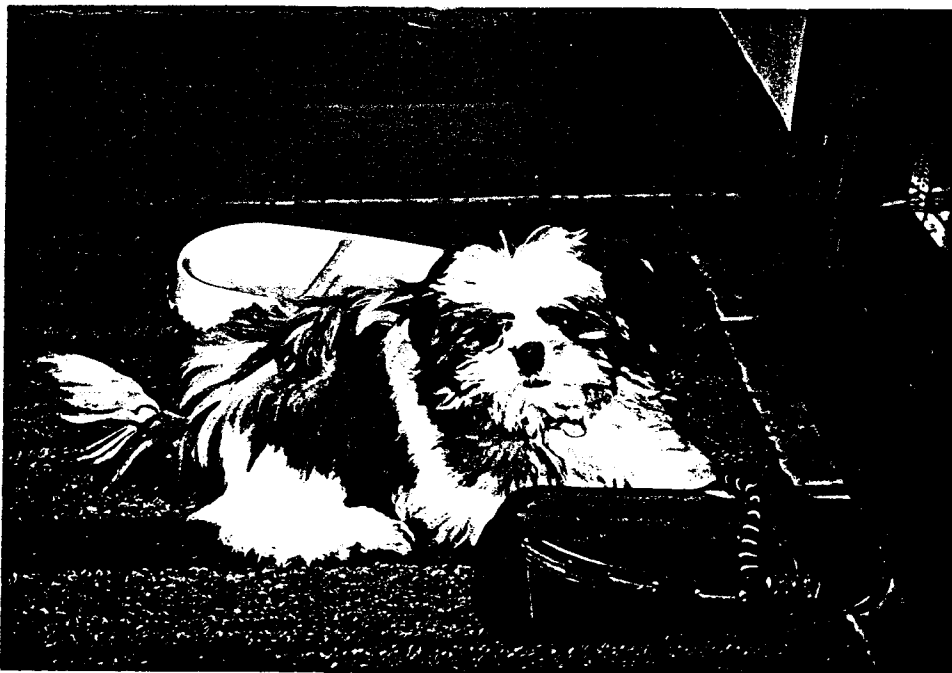
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We look forward to hearing how things are going in your life.

Sincerely,



Paul for the entire Refior family



Hi! My name
is "CANDY"
and I am the
newest member of
the Refior family.
I am so loving,
and playful, and
happy, and cute,
and PERFECT as a
house dog!

