

Greetings fellow Sabbatarians,

Much has happened in our household over the past month, the most significant news is about my wife Sharon.

First, a little about her for those who do not know her...

As well as being co-editor and contributor to the *Original Chodesh Reports [CR]*, Sharon is a full-time nurse [RN-MSN] at Mayo Clinic here in the Phoenix area for 3 1/2 years plus 6 years previously while in Missouri - specializing in oncology. Sharon has served many local, international, celebrities and officials alike at the Mayo. She has also helped families through some really bad times by going out of her way to help the dying to realize a sense of integrity and acceptance in their last days - an often precarious service even for experienced elders. Her life has truly been one of a compassionate healer.



The news...

Most recently, however, we received news that no one wants to hear... Ironically, Sharon was diagnosed with cancer. As shocking and awful as that sounded and a time to assimilate the news, we quickly realized just how blessed we are to be in this place-in-time in our lives. She is being cared for at the Mayo [a world class hospital] and is quite familiar with the doctors and fellow nurses who will be performing her medical services. If one must suffer such a cursed disease, then this is the best possible and most promising place we could ever imagine!

Sharon's chemo therapy began a week ago and will continue for the next 10 weeks. After a brief recovery time, she will have a third operation which is required to ensure no recurrences. So far she is doing well. Such treatments are accumulative, we were told. So, as the next few weeks progress the challenges will likely occur. Subsequently, and as her primary at-home care-giver, my duties and priorities have/will also change.

Regarding the *Original Chodesh Reports*... I have decided to take a sabbatical for the remainder of the year and through the duration of Sharon's regiment(s) necessary to restore her health. One fellow saint advised me they will miss the *Lighter Side*, but followed through with acknowledging the value of the *CR's* actual content - lol! Such friends are rare, yet we consider all of you as just that - you who receive the *CR's*. Such friends... friends that reach out one to another around the world among the greater community of sabbath keepers. And that's what it's all about after all - sharing and edifying among those who have been specially chosen by יהוה - the saints.

As the ninth chodesh [new moon, month **H2320**] nears, we extend our earnest desire that all grow in grace and knowledge while having a wonderful and eventful Fall and Winter Season. We will be looking forward to returning to publishing the *CR* in early 2016. In the meantime, for Sharon, I appeal to your common compassion and ask for your prayers for her wellness and full recovery during this process.

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PS: As the next few months progress, I will keep you all posted of her progress.