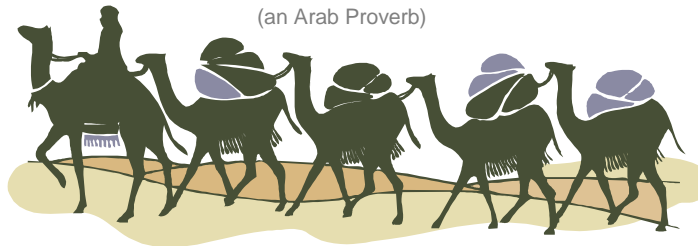


WHAT IS THE GREATEST CRIME IN THE DESERT?
FINDING WATER . . . AND TELLING NO ONE !
(an Arab Proverb)



August 2008

Dear Friends,

Rick's surgery went off as planned on July 31st. and he was released from the hospital on August 9th. Saturday may not always be the best of days to be discharged, but in this case it allowed us to be home together for our 40th anniversary on Sunday – and we were very grateful.

The surgery left him with four tubes in his chest and a “good news – bad news” diagnosis. The good news is that the surgeon really believes that all of the cancer was removed, and this is very rare in Meso. cases. He also believes that it was caught in the early stages, which coupled with his age and relative good health should bode well for recovery. The bad news is that it appears that his cancer was a mixed variety of the easier and not so easy to treat Mesothelioma.

Nevertheless, and with one tube still in, we went home for a week and returned to have the remaining tube removed on the 15th. Recuperating at home, taking REAL showers, being blessed by the kindness of friends who bring casseroles, special chairs, and show love and compassion.

August 22nd, we visited a radiologist and began to plan for that phase of treatment. It is a 5 day a week for 5 or 6 weeks program, and only a twenty minute treatment. PTL, it seems as if we will be able to do it closer to where we live than UCLA.

And of course, thank you all, and the exponential many that have joined in prayer for us *literally* around the world.

Truly, we are Under His Wing.

Rick and Irene