

Ammi Ministry Newsletter May 2018

Dear Friends,

Please share the following message with your congregation and friends.

My dear wife and fellow evangelist Donna, has a rare Genetic disease called **Friedreich's Ataxia (FA)**. This disease causes the body to mishandle copper, zinc, and iron properly because of a missing protein. This causes lesions in the brain. Thank God it does not impact the cognitive ability, but Donna progressively has lost all balance, her speech is slurred, and when she reaches out for something her hand jerks in different directions. Because this wicked disease is progressive, she is also becoming weaker and suffers from fatigue.

Donna is the oldest of nine siblings and because her mother died when she was only nine years old, she had to learn to help her father in raising the younger children. This background gives her a better understanding of children and their needs. Later in life Donna developed a ministry of helping troubled children and many of them consider her their mother. One example is her helping a 17-year-old who was receiving drugs from her grandmother in order to produce mental illness in the teenager. The reason behind this was to have the child receive welfare which the grandmother could use for her own needs. Donna and her deceased husband became aware of this situation and were able to have the young girl live with them. They weaned her off of the drugs and she returned to normality. She is now a mother and happily married.

In spite of her physical limitations, Donna accommodates me on street evangelism efforts through the use of her mobility scooter. While many Christians are fearful of going out in the public realm and sharing the gospel, Donna has such a love for the loss and a holy boldness. She joyfully hands out tracts and speaks to people about the Lord (see pictures).

On top of her genetic disease, she also developed in the beginning of 2017, a bone on bone condition in the left shoulder's rotator cuff. This meant that she could no longer use a walker to get around in our home and has to resort to a wheelchair. This has weakened her legs and overall condition.

There is no known cure for FA. However, there has been documented positive results with stem cell treatments in various clinics in Thailand, Australia, Mexico and elsewhere.

We are scheduled on June 17, 2017 to fly to Medellin, Columbia in South America for stem cell treatment. You might wonder why we would travel out of the country for treatment. The FDA has approved stem cell treatment for orthopedic and cosmetic purposes, but not auto-immune diseases. **The stem cell material is taken from healthy mothers' umbilical cords.** The stem cells are then processed and treated in such a way as to have a specific effect the area of the body needing help. Our first hope is to stop the progress of Friedreich's and begin to reverse the symptoms Also, Donna she will receive Orthopedic stem cell treatment for her

shoulder. For many years there has been successful treatment for Othopedic joint problems using stem cells.

In addition, I will receive treatment for diabetes (type 2) and diabetic neuropathy. By Gods grace I've been able to do very active ministry in spite of the 30 years of being diabetic, and appreciate doing street preaching and evangelism. But the diabetic neuropathy is making it difficult to continue that form of ministry. Sign evangelism, personal evangelism, and the YouTube/Facebook video Ministry is continuing and reaching thousands of people.

We need to raise \$11,000 for these treatments. Normally, the cost would be \$34,000. We have been shown merciful consideration by the company that oversees the clinic, and will be charged less than 1/4 of the regular cost. In addition, the funds requested cover our airfare, hotel room, transportation, and meals.

With a month and a half to go we have raised \$1,230, we need the remaining \$9,770. If you would like to find out more information please call us at 267-679-9299 or email us at rone1701@icloud.com You can donate towards these medical expenses by mailing a check to Ammi Ministry, P.O. Box 481, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Donations are tax-deductible.

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Donna at our literature and prayer table during the Democrat's National Convention - 2016

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