

NEWS FROM OUR LINKS

MISSIONARY HUGH FRIBERG

Recently Evelyn and I received notice of a July-August LINKS gift of \$55 (from Kalispell), just about time another huge event was taking place in our lives. Please forgive our delay in getting this note of thanks to you.

One of the special things our district (Intermountain) does every year (except for last year!) is to put on a picnic at the end of summer for retired pastors and spouses. We have a great time with DS Scott Shaw, his wife and staff, as we enjoy a “bring and share” lunch—that’s South African English for “potluck”!

As Evelyn and I left the site at Karcher Church here in Nampa, we decided to drop by Costco on our way home to pick up an item or two, plus fill up the gas tank. While I waited in line, Evelyn crossed the parking lot for the Costco building. As she crossed the meridian that divides the parking spaces, the wind caught her hair and she was temporarily blinded. She took one more step, thinking she was still on the divider, but instead stepped down 6-8 inches. When she landed, she crumpled and fell beside the car parked there. She tried to get up, but it was too painful to do so.

She thought she’d merely sprained the muscle in her upper leg. She phoned me and I went to pick her up and get her into the car as quickly as we could. At first we both thought it was no big deal. We headed for home and got her into bed to rest awhile and I prepared to go to the NMI Council meeting that evening. Part way through the meeting I got a message that she was not doing well, so I rushed home and got her to the ER at the nearby hospital.

And that was the beginning of several traumatic months! She had surgery on her femur midday Tuesday, spent four days in hospital while friends and family reorganized their lives to move close to help—install grab bars, help with laundry and meals, and many other avenues of love.

Our son and Evelyn’s two sisters were able to come and give wonderful service, meals were brought in, visits were made—though fewer because of COVID restrictions. The home health folks were marvelous! She’s no longer using the walker and never did need to use a wheelchair. She’s feeling and moving so well that it’s hard to keep her down! We even went to a family reunion (the Friberg siblings) last week, and she did very well, even driving an hour or so both ways in Central Oregon, where braking wasn’t likely to be an issue. We are thankful she’s doing so well, and can trace that to TLC—and the touch of the Lord.

So that’s our story to accompany our thanks for your loving and constant contact! You are loved and appreciated.

Love, Hugh (and Evelyn)

