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A mixed couple of months

I have been so bad at updating, the platypus is threatening to do it himself!

Updates from our last prayer requests are:

- Prep for the bookings we had was done without being too hurried, and with God's help the events we were doing were more than good - they went brilliantly. We have had lovely encouraging feedback from everything we did - Woo hoo!
- Mum's health was improving, but last Sunday she came down with chickenpox.....again! Although she was feeling exceptionally poorly on Sunday and Monday, she has rallied much more quickly and will be allowed out again (If she feels strong enough) from next Monday.

Our work has continued to be a busy blessing - happily bubbling along...with the occasional hitch(!) One of those hitches was my lightweight (taxi compatible) folding power wheelchair, that decided to break down for the second time, this time at Leicester train station when I was about to board the train. East Midlands trains were brilliant at helping me get to my meeting - not so good on the return, but hey, I got there and back with minimal walking - not even 10 meters in total! Anyway - this is the chair I received a significant gift for, so I was not only cross for me, but disappointed for the donor who could see the story unfolding on facebook. Cue another answer to prayer - the company I bought it from replaced it with a new and better brand of chair. Even more comfortable, easier to fold and unfold. And - it's faster... so watch out local friends - this is the chair I use for shopping.

One not so blessed thing ... or rather 2 things, was going down with a virus - the week before I was due to preach at my home church. Viruses are funny things and very unpredictable, but for me, they double pain

levels. But - I recovered enough to preach, and rumour has it there is a recording on the church's website.

The other not so nice thing was being given a new medication by my GP to try to lower the constant pain levels I have. One tablet later and I was very ill - vomiting, dizzy and falling asleep. 3 days later.... I could function again, just. And one week later I'm finally back to my 'normal' (And feeling vastly annoyed at paying a prescription charge for the privilege of taking just one pill....)

So, the combination of virus, potent medication and poorly mum has once again put me behind with prep and writing....and once again I'm asking for prayer to catch up with all of that. I'm going to paste the same prayer requests I made in the last update below, but before that, thanks for your interest, care and support - we both really appreciate it!

Please pray that:

- Preparation would be sufficient, and where it isn't, the holy Spirit (Who we always rely on anyway) would overwhelm with wisdom and clarity - filling the gaps to overflowing.
- Where ever we are working in the next month, whether speaking to children or adults, they would be helped, blessed and encouraged as the Holy Spirit speaks through us. Especially over the next two weekends and the assemblies.
- Both of us would be able to get sufficient rest, and that the busy-ness would not overtake us.
- Mum would continue to improve - finding herself better than she was before the chickenpox!