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A President's Gratitude . . .

In January, 2022, Our Loving Lord certainly called POP into a new year through the days of old! Staff meetings dedicated time to discover what God's living Word teaches us through every appearance of the word, servant. Starting in Genesis, you can imagine how profoundly we have been affected! It may take us a few years; please join us, we are still in Genesis! Since Jesus took on the form of a Servant, we are asking: what then shall we be? (Matthew 20:26-28)

With your prayers and support, you too help us transform as His servants, ready to serve the dear patients in the hospitals; participating in the gentle resurrecting moments as faith and hope deepen in the midst of their suffering. You will truly meet Christ our Loving Servant, seen in patient Kimberly Phillip's bravely shared story. By connecting with local churches, newly trained POP Lay Chaplains are now serving in six states and five international countries! January also marked the POP Staff gaining another wonderful servant among our faithful team, Reverend Victor E. Harris, Jr., whom I am delighted to introduce to you. Please join the POP Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and Staff as we pray through this year. — AnneMarie Wallace

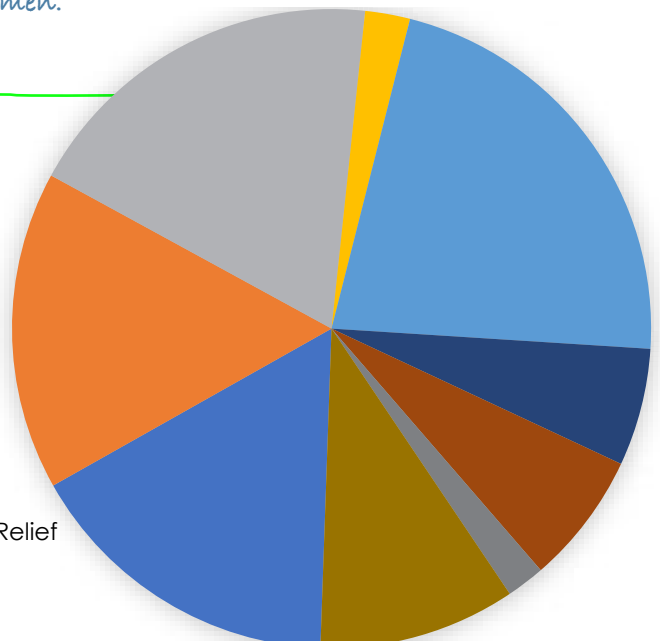
Thank You Jesus, O Precious Servant, for bringing spiritual healing to the sick. Make us more like You, 'blessing the poor in spirit,' with Your deep comfort and joy. Amen.

2021 SPIRITUAL CARE CONSULTS

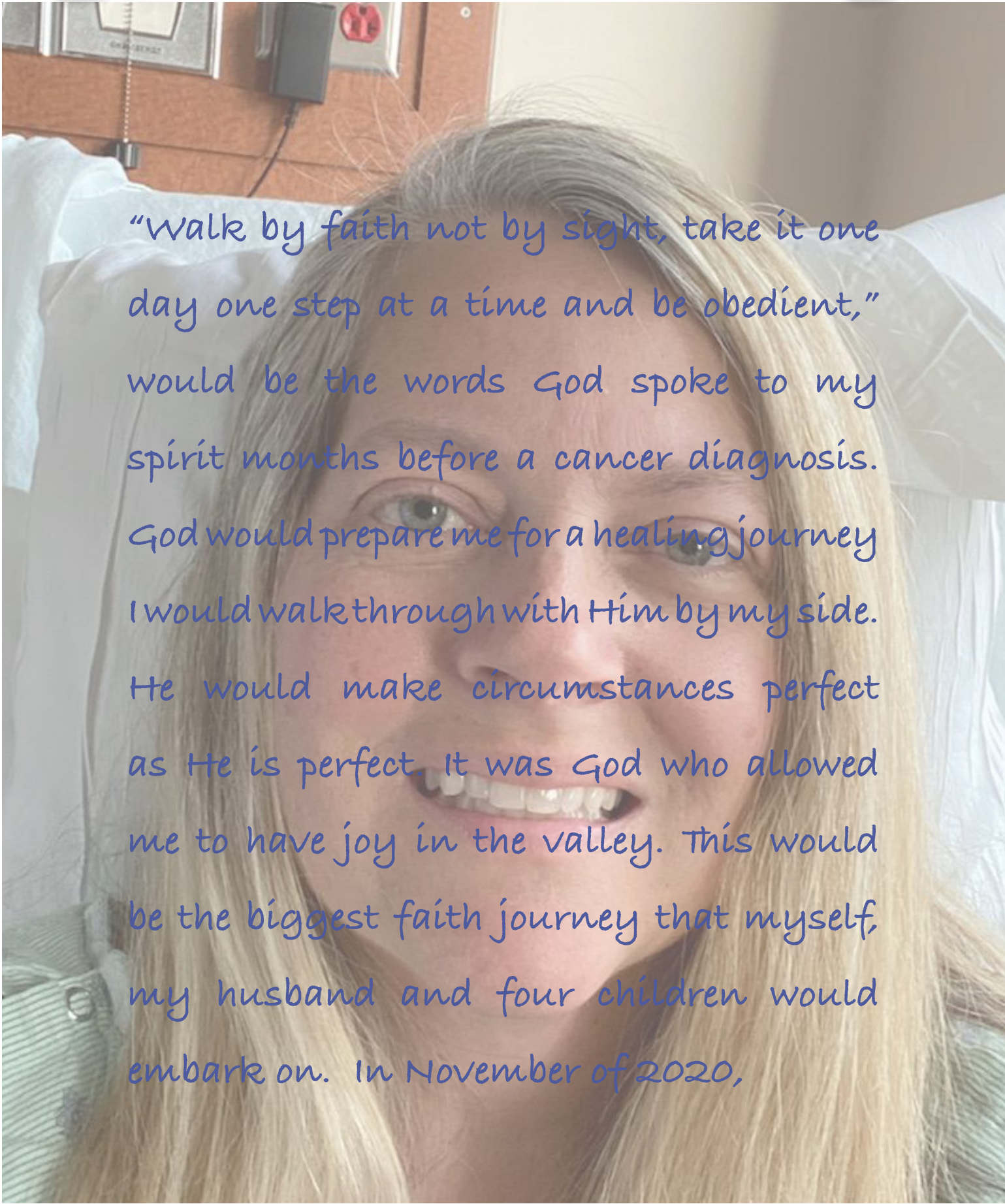
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around the world as we serve patients
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- Regional Hospitals
- HCA Healthcare Hospitals
- Community Outreach for the Homeless & Disaster Recovery Relief
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- Additional Healthcare Facilities
- POP International



Joy in the Valley

A photograph of a woman with long blonde hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is lying in a hospital bed, with white linens visible around her. In the background, a wooden headboard and a medical device with a red emergency stop button are partially visible. The text is overlaid on the image in a blue, cursive font.

"walk by faith not by sight, take it one day one step at a time and be obedient," would be the words God spoke to my spirit months before a cancer diagnosis. God would prepare me for a healing journey I would walk through with Him by my side. He would make circumstances perfect as He is perfect. It was God who allowed me to have joy in the valley. This would be the biggest faith journey that myself, my husband and four children would embark on. In November of 2020,

I was diagnosed with Stage III Colorectal Cancer. The first night as I laid in my bed in fear, I began to seek the Lord for His peace and comfort. I experienced His healing touch upon my body and visions of family and friends laying hands upon me and praying over me. After this diagnosis I was led to text family members and dear friends to claim complete healing in Jesus' Name. I have known the blessing and power of healing through standing in agreement with others in prayer. I felt God was going to increase faith and perform miracles. My husband revealed to me how concerned he was about my lifelong battle with what some call, a "white coat syndrome" exacerbated by the pandemic which restricted anyone accompanying me to doctor visits and treatments. And yet, God provided, guided and led me to amazing doctors and staff who continue to take such great care of me. I was confident God was and continues to work all things out within His perfect plans. Treatment began with radiation and chemo for six months. Scans would later show I was cancer free. This was a victory in Jesus. However, months later, the next set of surveillance scans showed the cancer had returned.

*I was disappointed but didn't lose hope.
I realized, God wasn't through with this
healing journey. God still wanted me
to go through more experiences that would
allow me to only trust Him more.*

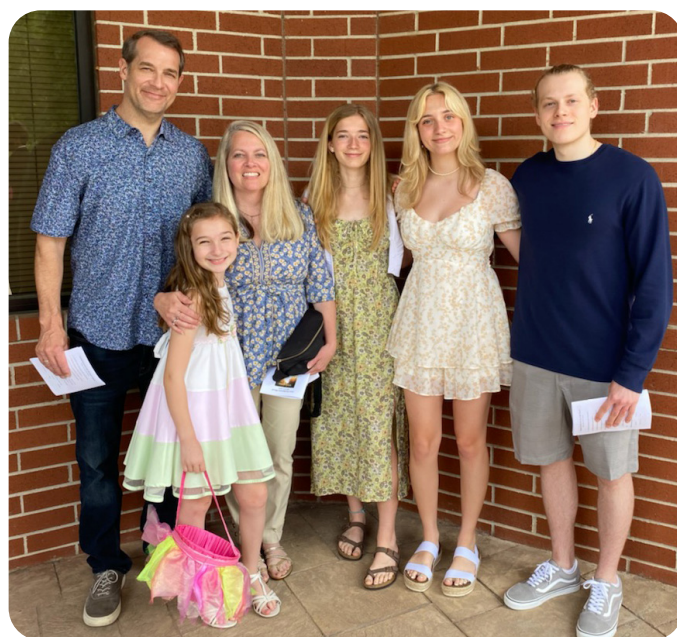
The next steps would be surgery; learning to live with an ileostomy bag for several months; followed by a reversal surgery. During my pre-operation appointment I was asked by the nurse if I wanted a call from a chaplain. The call came at God's perfect timing as I just returned home from the appointment. As I shared my circumstances, the POP Chaplain's voice was angelic as I listened to her response of comforting words and heart felt prayers. Spiritual care has been an intricate part of my healing – His hope and light within my journey. One particular call came the day after the reversal surgery.

She asked how I was doing and let me know she had been praying for me. My response was, "Answered prayers. I'm not in much pain. It's very tolerable. I'm up walking and sitting in a chair. Thank you for praying for me."

This picture I share with you is the one I sent that day to my POP Chaplain. Her texts and calls are reminders I am lifted up in prayer and I am a living testimony that God, the love of my family, dear friends, my church family, my POP Chaplain, and the works of the Holy Spirit were and continue to be the most important healing aspects of this journey. My body is different now, but by the grace of God it continues to heal. I am forever grateful and thankful for this healing journey I call, *Joy in the valley*. I'm so fortunate God chose me to walk through this healing journey with Him. I've learned to keep my focus on Jesus and receive His healing daily. He has taught me to 'walk by faith not by sight, take it one day and one step at time and be obedient to Him.'

Blessings, love, and God's peace be with you as you journey through this life.

– Kimberly Phillip, 8.22.2022



The Phillip Family

Anthony, Juliet, Kimberly, Sophia, Isabel, Vincent



Greetings and Introduction from Victor Harris . . .

Joining the POP family January 2022 has been one of the greatest blessings I have ever received. Walking with Christ brings abundant joy, boundless hope, and unexplainable peace. But it is also demanding. It demands trust. It demands faith. And it calls us to suffer. As we were recently discussing in our Monday morning staff meeting, God's grace is free, but it is not cheap. Discipleship costs. Following Christ – life with Jesus – costs us comfort, control, and more. (It also cost His life!) It is, of course, more than worth it. Even the suffering is for our good. Even the suffering is God's perfect grace for us. For, in suffering as followers of Him, we share in His sufferings, which refines us, sanctifies us, and draws us deeper into His heart and relationship with Him. Even still, it is hard.

We are taken through valleys, sometimes so deep we can no longer see the sky, and so shrouded in darkness we can no longer see our feet. We begin to question: *God, are you still with me? Lord, do you still have a plan for me? Jesus, why can't I see your face?* While leading a church in a Chicago suburb over several years, I freely confess I began to find myself in such a valley. In serving God's people, I neglected my own self-care and struggled with a warped need to be impossibly perfect. Now, as I look back, I see that when Jenn and I chose to relocate

to Texas, God's faithfulness began to remove the shroud of darkness around me, illuminating a pathway of healing before me. Amazingly, when God brought me to POP, and POP to me, the last of the remaining darkness lifted, and Christ said to me in a loud, clear voice,

*"Victor, I never left you,
even when you tried your best
to leave me. I have had a plan
for you all along. Here, right here,
is where I have been leading you.
This is the work I have for you."*

I was asked to use this opportunity to introduce myself to you. What I have written isn't your typical newsletter introduction. Instead, the broken preacher in me took over and I chose to testify. I pray that in doing so what you come away knowing about me is that I have been where you are – in the valley, on the mountaintop. And I can truly say, God is good all the time. All the time God is good. That is what I wish for you to know about me, and about our God. That and the fact that I am truly blessed to be a part of the POP family.

– Rev. Victor Harris, Jr., 8.16.2022



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