

# The Shumakers

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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

A few weeks after we got back to Burkina in January, Meredith started coughing when she was outside. She got out of the car one night at church and after a few minutes her coughing was terrible, and she felt her throat closing up. We quickly rushed her to the house to get her out of the dust. (The house is closed off, but the church is not.) To make a long story short Meredith quickly became a prisoner for almost 9 months. She couldn't go outside. Burkina is an extremely dry and dusty climate. Even with the doors closed and the windows shut dust still manages to get in the house. Meredith's cough even while in the house got worse and worse. I think due to her immune system fighting all the time, she began to develop allergies to all kinds of things.

After trying to go from doctor to doctor in Burkina Faso and even consulting medical personnel from the states no solution was found. The only solution was to send Rebecca and Meredith back to the states. They arrived back in October. My greatest concern became reality the moment she arrived in the US. Meredith's cough almost completely stopped. On the one side it is a huge blessing that she can get outside and move around, but on the other side it has been almost impossible for the doctors in the US to treat her because they don't see any symptoms. We are still trying many different avenues because our desire is that she can return with us. If we find no solution, her return will be impossible. Please pray for us in this regard.

My dad began battling multiple myeloma cancer around six years ago. My dad wasn't just my father, but he was one of my best friends. We spent hours fishing together. He served faithfully in the Navy for 22 years. In the last year his health started rapidly declining. Early in October, the cancer began to take over his whole body. He and my mother called me and said that they would help us come back to the US as he desired to see me and his grandkids one last time. Emily, Isaac, Caleb and I were in the process of making plans to come back when I got a call from my brother to come back as quickly as possible. We made it to Florida on Thursday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, and my dad passed away on Monday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. My dad was one of the kindest and most positive men that you could ever meet.

In leaving Burkina Faso quickly, some of the pastors I have trained and their churches jumped in to help. It thrills me to see the maturity and growth of these pastors and churches. I have already heard good reports of what God has done in the past few weeks at our church in Zagatouli and all over Burkina. Lord willing, we will be going back to Burkina in January. We have return tickets to leave on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

Thanks so much for all you do for us and Burkina Faso,  
Keith, Rebecca, Emily, Meredith,  
Isaac and Caleb Shumaker

