

# Doug and Erlene Johnson

*1 Peter 5:10 "God himself will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."*

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## Prayer Pleas

Erlene's complete recovery  
Doug's ongoing health concerns  
Erlene's ministry at MRAP/MRI  
The ministry & team of MRAP/MRI  
Visiting guests of MRAP/MRI  
(missionaries & pastors)  
Meridith  
Kate & John & Jayelle & Jack  
Chris & Rachael & Eli



## Health

Erlene completed 20 weeks of chemotherapy on February 19 and 6 weeks of daily radiation on April 20. It has been an extremely long and arduous road, but the active treatment is now complete. Risk of recurrence is high, so she will remain on medication to prevent the cancer from returning.

Doug has had very high levels of pain recently. He has changed medicine several times in the last few months trying to find the right combination to deal effectively with the psoriatic arthritis and its debilitating pain.

## Ministry

Erlene continues to minister full-time at MRI even through all of the health issues. She enjoys counseling and has worked with a number of singles and couples in the recent months from all over the world.

In April she attended the Northwest Ministry Network annual conference for the first time. She was pleased to join her aunt Gayle Turner there in a celebration of life for her uncle Dwayne Turner's passing. They had been missionaries for many years in Asia. The conference was enjoyable and uplifting.

In March she helped present some of the topics at the Christian Counselor training at MRI, including telling part of her cancer journey.

Here's what our ministry is doing: *Never before have I felt such healthy emotional, psychological, and spiritual love from a group of people! I feel MRI loved me and my husband with no strings attached—unconditionally—with perseverance and patience. They have helped me move boulders in my heart! They have helped me to see myself as God sees me and they have given me outstanding tools to be a better communicator and listener. Thank you, [MRI team] for being genuine, authentic people. This experience will be totally cemented in my life forever.*

## Family

In May we joined with some of our family for a week of vacation in Wisconsin. Chris had recently returned from his deployment, and he and his wife and baby came, as did Kate and her husband and children. We had a terrific time with our family and were so pleased to spend time with our parents and two of our kids and to have the cousins (our grandchildren) all meet each other. (See more pictures on back.)

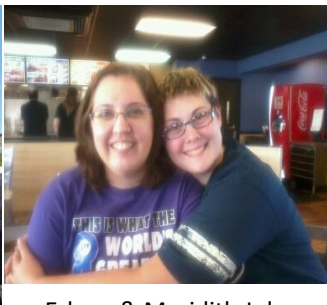
Please pray for Meridith as she faces carpal tunnel surgery soon.

(left) **Four generations:**  
Doug with father Walt, son Chris,  
and grandson Eliam



**Four generations:**  
Erlene with mother Sharon Coats, daughter Kate Lawrence, and granddaughter Jayelle





Above: Aunt Rachael with Jack, Aunt Kate with Eliam. Chris with Eli after a 7-month deployment  
Below: Grandma Erlene with Eli, Jack, and Jayelle. Right: Jack, Kate, John, and Jayelle

Erlene & Meredith July, 2015, just after Erlene's diagnosis

Above: Erlene & Chris; Kate & Erlene  
Below: Grandpa Doug with Eli & Jack



*Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.  
Hebrews 6:18-19 NLT*



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We believe God's love heals and that God loves those He sends as much as those to whom He sends them.

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