

# 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 breast cancer  
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



## Continued Health Issues

As you know, I (Erlene) was diagnosed this summer with breast cancer. Since then I have had three surgeries, several complications (infections, etc.), been to more medical appointments than I can count, and am finally getting clearance to begin doing more household and other chores and responsibilities.

As I write this I am sitting in the chemotherapy chair starting the first round of chemo. I will be doing chemotherapy probably into February, and then I will have radiation. I have a great team of doctors who have worked tirelessly and been professional, empathetic, and a great help to me during this time.

My aunt Judy was here for a couple weeks to help after surgery. It was amazing to have her here, and she was a huge help to both of us—driving me to medical appointments, cooking and cleaning, changing my bandages, and much more.

Doug continues to be in constant pain from his arthritis but has willingly and lovingly stepped up to do the household chores, driving, bandages, etc., since Judy left. Our church has been a big help, too, during this time. My women's small group made 31 slow-cooker meals for us for those nights when I just don't have the energy to cook. What a blessing!

After the surgery I was severely restricted in what I was able to do. I did take a few weeks off from the ministry at MRI after the surgery but am back in the office and trying to get back into my routine.

## Continued Ministry Needs

The ministry to hurting missionaries and pastors continues. We have a few families now that have extended their time with us, just as our family did six years ago. We have several other missionaries coming in the near future with heavy needs—missionaries from Northern Asia, Africa, Asia, and other countries. The need is great, and your support is needed.

## #Team Erlene

You can find regular updates on Facebook by joining the group TeamErlene.

On the day of my surgery, hundreds of people all over the world were wearing purple and praying for me. Thank you! Your prayers and support are felt and greatly appreciated.



This is me and my nurse at my first chemo.



**MKC—Missionary Kids Corner—Meridith, Kate, Chris**

**Meridith** continues to live in Arkansas and works at Jo-Ann Fabrics.

**Kate** and John continue to live in the Atlanta area with Jayelle (2 years old) and Jack (now 2 months old).

**Chris** and Rachael had their baby August 31. We welcome Eliam “Eli” Rueben Johnson to the family (now about 5 weeks old). He was born 20 minutes before my mastectomy, and the last thing I (Erlene) remember before surgery is holding my phone with his picture on it. Five days later they drove from California to Washington to surprise me. They were here about four days. What a pleasure to have them and to meet little Eli. Rachael will live with her family in Minnesota while Chris is deployed. He will spend several months in eastern Asia.



Baby Jack



Chris, Rachael, Erlene and Eli



Baby Eli



Jack and Jayelle. Their shirts say, “I wear pink for Grandma”.



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