

Dallas, Texas - William P. Clements University Hospital
[July 1, 2022](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The infusion of re-engineered CAR-T cells went unevenly on the [20th of June](#). They gave me a blast of Benadryl beforehand, and that put me right to sleep. I slept through the entire infusion!
- Expected side effects began to appear a day or so early. Fevers appeared on Day 2 (post-infusion). They never reached 101. At 100.4, they administered an anti-inflammatory which knocked the fever down in the mid-90s.
- Neuro-toxic effects kicked in on Day 9 and "hit bottom" the evening of Day 10, when I got into a wrestling match with one of the staff who functioned as a "sitter" all night. She was quite strong, and I was sort of wobbly in mind as well as in body. She won the wrestling match - taller than me, heavier than me, stronger, much stronger! No wonder she won that match. My CAR-T assessment score for that day was 0, the lowest score possible.
- The next day saw a huge reversal when the CAR-T assessment was 8 (10 is the highest score). The next day it was 10 - a perfect score. The assessment has been a 10 ever since. The doctors are pleased as punch.
- A huge answer to all your prayers: They are working to discharge me on [July 5](#), and our residence will be [The Southwest Medical Park Apartments](#). Additional photos of the apartment grounds are [here](#). Cost to us is \$0.00. It provides shuttle service to the cancer clinic, total safety for parking. We expect to reside here for 2 to 3 weeks. At the rate I'm improving, we may get back to Waxahachie by mid-July.

A PET scan is scheduled on [July 18](#) - almost a month post-infusion, to allow for comparison with the PET scan done on [June 18](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

1. Praise the Lord for opening the apartment! It looks fabulous. It costs us nothing. It is located close to the clinic, to grocery stores (Tom Thumb and Krogers) with pharmacies in both. Eateries with take-out capabilities are less than a mile away when we don't want to cook. Check out the photos linked about to see how gracious our Lord was in answering your prayers.
2. The CAR-T therapy appears to be working just great. Pray the July 18 PET scan is totally dark.
3. Praise the Lord that Barbara's nasty cold has cleared up, so she can serve as my chief caregiver.

4. Praise the Lord that they identified the cause of my diarrhea as C-Diff, and that the medication for that is proving successful. Ask the Lord that Barbara not contract the same bowel infection.

5. Ask the Lord to bless our move next week - that everything we need to move will be identified and successfully moved to the apartment we'll occupy for several weeks.

6. Ask the Lord to permit us to entertain nearby friends in the Dallas area. I think we'll have space for sleep-overs if out-of-town friends or family are able to stop by.

DOES OUR HEAVENLY FATHER ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

My first answer is something like "Doh!" You have prayed faithfully for me, and look what's resulted! Are these not answers to all we have prayed together? At every turn in this strange journey, our Lord has granted what we asked and every more! As the hymn says "All I have needed, thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me."

That's why my hospital has always sported a 16x24 canvas print saying that I am "**unfeignedly** thankful." It was prepared by my bishop. That word "unfeignedly" turns out to be the trigger for some to ask me about it. They've never seen that word before, and when they get round to asking me what it means, it opens a door for me to explain not only the word, but where it comes from - The Order for Morning Prayer in the 1928 American Book of Common Prayer. The conclusion of that prayer service reads fully like this:

*We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be **unfeignedly thankful**; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.*

Truly I am unfeignedly thankful - for our Lord's overly gracious answer to our prayers for all of you who have joined me through your prayers in asking what our Lord grants so abundantly what we have asked. I am eager to see what He will grant as we pray for His guidance on this difficult journey.

I'll endeavor to get another update after we've moved into the apartment next week.

Unfeignedly thankful,

Fr. Bill Mouser