

Title: "Huge Provision for My Parents, and Prayer Request"

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Greetings all,

Just a quick note to share about how the Lord has been providing for my parents, and to ask for prayer.

So here's the very short summary: Six weeks ago my elderly parents (Mom almost 88 and Dad almost 89) were living in their own apartment in Hesston Kansas, "fully independent" (with a LOT of help from my sister, who lives nearby). Five weeks ago we realized that my mom could no longer safely navigate independent living – she has a problem with her balance that is caused by a progressive neurological condition, and it had progressed to the point where the risk of falling with her living at home was just too great. Discerning together, our family realized that she needed to move to a nursing home. So four weeks ago she moved into a nursing home. The HUGE provision from the Lord is that we found a room in the nursing home that is 5 minutes from my sister and one block from Mom & Dad's apartment. Furthermore, this nursing home is openly Christian, and the staff are wonderful. (And this was the ONLY room that we could find that was not in a distant large city, even with calling all of the nursing homes in the area.)

And then three weeks ago my sister went on vacation; and when she returned from vacation two weeks ago, we realized that it was not working for Dad to live independently. With Mom no longer taking care of shopping, cooking, and laundry, the challenges for Dad were significantly increased; and with my sister out of town for a week, we realized that she had been preventing and/or resolving more problems than anybody had realized. So last week we discerned together that Dad should move into nursing home care as well, and he will be making the move tomorrow. Another HUGE provision from the Lord is that a second room opened up at the same wonderful nursing home that is 5 minutes from my sister. In fact, Mom and Dad will be two rooms apart on the same hallway, so they will be able to spend every day together – just with a lot more support. (And this was again the ONLY room that we could find that was not in a distant large city, even with calling all of the nursing homes in the area.)

So we are all profoundly grateful for the Lord's provision, but we are also scrambling to take care of the HUNDREDS of logistical details that need to be sorted out with all of this. I will be leaving for KS in a few days, to spend two weeks helping with anything and everything, and Charlotte and I will both go for another week in October.

We greatly appreciate any prayers you feel inspired to offer on behalf of my parents, my two sibs and their spouses, and Charlotte and I.

Thanks and blessings,

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