

Aug 17, 2009

Prayer request from the Merritts

Dear Friends,

About three months ago Sterling had a case of malaria up at his boarding school which put him in bed four days. Right after that his class went on a camping trip which involved a lot of mountain hiking. He had a seizure afterward which scared everyone. The doctor who attended him thought it might be too much exercise too soon after a rough bout of malaria.

A little over a month ago Sterling was home on holiday. He had a horrible cough that was going around, and then had another seizure when just lounging around watching TV.

We took him to a local doctor who said he exhibited common symptoms of epilepsy. He told us there was an EEG at Chainama Hills hospital in Lusaka, and that the University Teaching Hospital there had a Cat scanner that sometimes worked. He thought we would do better to take Sterling down to South Africa for thorough tests. I knew it would take us awhile to organise all this, so we sent Sterling back to his boarding school. It is August holiday now, and we are flying to Port Elizabeth in South Africa tomorrow afternoon August 18. We will be staying with Ken and Judy Kendall-Ball, who have organised appointments for Sterling.

We pray that Sterling's problems are not terribly serious and will respond to treatment, and that he will eventually grow out of the problem.

Please pray for the success of our trip to South Africa's East coast. We hope to be back in Zambia August 24.

Thank you,

Roy and Kathi