

## Baird Update – 10 February 2011

Dear Pray-ers!

Thanks for your prayers and notes, here's what happened. The Dr. learned some things and Bob has several more glands open. Dr. said he had done this procedure on only one other person. The utensil is called a Maskin Probe (sounds bad, doesn't it?). First he numbed Bob's eyes as much as possible, then began with the left eye - the one in the worst condition.

Problems:

- 1) It was very difficult for Bob to keep his eyes open.
- 2) The Dr. realized that a thin membrane had formed itself over the glands which is what has been keeping the IPL treatments from being as successful as it could have been on either eye.
- 3) Bob's eyes would automatically tear up making it hard for the Dr. to hold onto the bottom eyelid and make a stick.

Good Things:

- 1) The Dr. was able to poke open a few glands on the left eye and several on the right eye. When he poked through the membrane into a gland, Bob could hear a little popping sound.
- 2) The pain turned out to be less than the pain of the IPL treatments. God is very good.
- 3) Today Bob has had good periods of being able to keep his eyes open easily. However, he has also had a few times of what he calls "the squeezers." This means his eyes are squeezing themselves shut tight and he has to force them open.

Other facts:

- 1) Dr. said that he found that some of the glands have atrophied somewhat from being clogged for so long. However, he believes that even if he can only get them to work 25 to 50%, that is better than nothing.
- 2) On March 3rd we are going back to the Dr. for another dual treatment: the Probe and the IPL - this time he is going to do the IPL first.
- 3) After that, we will have time for Bob to have one more eye appointment (if necessary) because we are planning on leaving the end of the 3rd week of March - will soon be buying our tickets - will let you know the exact date when we know.

Other Health Items To Be Taken Care Of:

- 1) Bob still needs new eyeglasses
- 2) Elizabeth still needs new eyeglasses
- 3) Both Bob and Dawn need to see our local Dr. one more time to get a couple of prescriptions for taking along, etc.
- 4) Last trip to Health Dept - for: Last round of Hepatis shots and Tetanus updates

YEAH!!!! YEAH!!!!!!!!!!

God Bless Us Everyone,  
Bob, Dawn and Elizabeth

*PS - Another matter for prayer: Social Security has messed some payments - had a good discussion with a representative who could not figure out the problem - saw the money should have been sent, but wasn't. Now the matter has been referred to the Payment Dept. The problem could take 30 to 60 days to be solved. I'm not even going to ask, "What else could possibly happen?"*

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