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Re: skunk-works-digest V8 #106

Date: Thu, 23 Sep 1999 07:09:13 GMT
 From: abeaumont@canterbury.kent.sch.uk (Adrian Beaumont)
 Subject: Re: skunk-works-digest V8 #106

I have not posted to this group for some time but have read every edition with interest, especially the bits about off-topic matters. However, for what I think are good reeasons I will go off topic and ask for everyones support. I am seeking support for a very ill teacher, who I used to work with over 20 years ago.

She sent me a birthday card last week for my 50th birthday - in it was a note telling me that her health had taken a turn for the worse. I already knew that she was a diabetic, and had been insulin dependent for many years. In fact, after we split up she decided that she would stay single as she knew that her health would deteriorate and she did not want to be a burden on anyone. For some months now her kidneys have been starting to fail, and after a year of tummy pains she was eventually given a CT scan - and that led to a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. August saw radical surgery, starting with a full hysterectomy, but also partial removal of the colon as the cancer had already metastased, not good news especially when it comes on your 48th birthday. She is going to be off work for a long time (she is an English teacher in a local high school). I phoned her this morning and spoke to her mother, and was told that she is going into hospital today for the second round of chemotherapy, and that they are both devastated by the news. Frankly, the prognosis is not too good.

She is an active Christian, and is asking for prayers on her behalf. Might I please ask you to offer a little prayer on her behalf, and perhaps forward this e-mail to anyone else who might be kind enough to remember her in their prayers - and perhaps they could pass it on to someone else as well. The more who pray for her, the better it will be.

To try to help her to feel positive about herself, might I also invite anyone who reads this to send her a greeting message by e-mail? She does not have access to the web, or e-mail, but any messages sent to me at

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will be sent on to her straight away by snail mail. Do please say roughly where in the world you live - it will be very encouraging for her.

Her name is Linda Clutterbuck.

If anyone would like her snail mail address so they can write direct please e-mail me and I will send it to you.

Prayers for her mother, Lucy, would also be appreciated, as she is not a young lady anymore and has a tough time ahead of her.

Please spare a couple of minutes to help! I understand that some may be unhappy at me posting something so off-topic - please accept my apologies - if you care to e-mail me direct I will write you a personal apology as soon as my teaching duties permit. I have posted this to the group because I know you all to be very intelligent and well educated people - and to some extent your personal progress has been helped by those who taught you. The very fact that you can read this at all is almost certainly due to a teacher! Please help a teacher in need.

With my best wishes

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