

A Special Note from Christopher Shore

Dear Friends,

Many of you know that I have been out for the last 6 months or so battling cancer. I am very pleased to report that - after lots of chemotherapy and then chemotherapy + radiation – the cancer mass has responded to the treatment and my team at City of Hope have been unable to detect the cancer in my body. In short, I am healed!



I want to thank you, my friends and colleagues, for your active prayers and acts of love and kindness. I am beyond my ability to express my thanks. I thank my God for you all!

As I return, I have found that I have had very little time for a slow and orderly return. My inbox is full of news on how lockdowns are impoverishing people who had just begun the trek out of extreme poverty. Although WV's microfinance institutions are all still open, we are seeing many MFIs around the world closing down as the health emergency creates both financial and economic crises. However, this is not my first "economic recovery" rodeo. From economic collapses throughout the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc, to the huge Asia Tsunami response, to the Haiti earthquake, and the big Horn of Africa famine in 2011, I've managed to be in the thick of it. So, I am hoping I can help. Saving lives and livelihoods.

So, at a time when there is much bad news, please REJOICE with me. As we head into the celebration of His life and resurrection, I am grateful beyond words to the author of life!

Chris