

Dear friends,

From whom we have so many expressions of good wishes to which we have not been able to respond. *Thanks for them!*

I have had the surgery that is necessary for dialysis. It had me at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore six days in all. For what is usually outpatient surgery. It is expected that the dialysis will begin about ~~xxx~~ January 1.

Lil was shifted from the hospital to a nursing home for the second time. That nursing home has a good physical therapy program. And the room she shares is so small she has to use the chair assigned to her, two chairs only to the room, for an end table. The place is wired for TV but there is no <sup>place</sup> ~~place~~ to put the set!

As of this writing an inspection is to be made tomorrow to determine whether our home is now safe for Lil, whether things can be done to make it safe, like I supposed a ramp. We are hopeful!

Saturday, 12/5, I believed my operations may have developed an infection. I went to the local hospital emergency room and was fortunate that the local kidney specialist happened to be there to see another of his patients. When he finished that he examined my arm and said the extreme redness comes from the nature of the surgery and the nature of my skin, but that he saw no infection.

If it is not the best of possible worlds., it certainly is better than it could be!

Best to you all,

*Heidi*