

Personal Letter from Dr. Fruchtenbaum

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Dear Friends of Arnold and Mary Ann Fruchtenbaum,

As many of you may already know, over twenty years ago Mary Ann came down with MS which affected primarily the lower part of her body from about the waist down. It was a slow progression downward as she moved from using a cane, to a walker, to a wheelchair, and finally to a motorized wheelchair.

MS: 多発性硬化症

For the first decade we were able to take care of her at home without outside help. For the second decade we needed to have a live-in caretaker and we had several that served for two years or so but by February of this year it became obvious that to continue home care was no longer possible.

So, after prayer and checking out several long-term care facilities, there was only one that appealed to me for Mary Ann. It does not have the appearance of a hospital but of a large private home. It is a small facility that has only sixteen patients maximum and so she is well taken care of. Of all the rooms available the one I liked the most was a single room with French doors that open to an outdoor patio. Not only is it her private room, it also has a private toilet, and so she has the freedom to be by herself or to mix with others in the other areas. So, as of mid-February, that became her home. It is only three miles from our house and so I get to visit her every day I am in town.

It is not cheap and so I and the Chairman of the Ariel Board, Cliff (Jake) Hogue, consulted with a lawyer dealing with legal issues for the elderly who was able to set up a Special Needs Trust (SNT) to allow for donations for Mary Ann's care. A special trust account has been opened with Jake as the trustee. Anyone wishing to help can do so by making a check out to Mary Ann Fruchtenbaum Special Needs Trust. The check can be mailed either to Jake at his address:

Jake Hogue

514 Baltustrol Drive, Cibolo, TX 78108-3598, or to

Ariel Ministries:

11926 Radium Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78216-2713.

Gifts can also be made directly to the Trust by a bank transfer. Please contact the Ariel Home Office (210-344-7707 or homeoffice@ariel.org) for information on how to do that. Because the gift is to the special needs trust for Mary Ann's care, it cannot be tax deductible.

So, please only do what you feel the Lord is leading you to do for which we will be thankful and we will even be more grateful for all your prayers.

In the Messiah,

Arnold and Mary Ann





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