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Fort Worth Father of Five Describes Wife's Unwavering Faith During Cancer

GARLAND, TX—Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? Why would a loving God allow a missionary husband and wife with five dependent children to get cancer? After both Mark Moses and his wife, Jan, were diagnosed with cancer, the Moses family knew people would be asking these questions. The family members' answers came from their strong faith in God. Mark's new book, *An Uncommon Faith*, describes his wife's journey with cancer and her reasons for trusting God during difficult times.

Mark Moses and Jan Jones met at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX, in 1983. The two missionary-minded young people married later that year. After graduation, they set out to fulfill what God had placed as the desire of their hearts – to bring God's love to the people in the Philippines. Their life in the Pacific wasn't perfect. But Mark and Jan loved being missionaries. Over the years, they had five children, who also loved living in the Philippines. In his book, Mark says by 2001, "Jan and I believed we had matured as missionaries."

Nearly 20 years after Mark and Jan began their life as missionaries, Jan discovered an "odd-looking spot" on her arm. By mid-March 2004, doctors had diagnosed malignant melanoma, an aggressive skin cancer. Jan immediately went to the U.S. for additional testing because melanoma is almost unheard of in the Philippines. The doctors soon discovered cancer in a lymph node, which signaled that the cancer had spread beyond her arm. This was not good news. While Jan began treatment, Mark stayed in the Philippines with their children. At the end of April, though, Mark discovered blood in his urine. Then the unthinkable happened. Doctors said he had advanced kidney cancer. Saddened by this news, the Moseses knew they had to leave the life they loved. Reluctantly, Mark and his children packed their belongings and moved to the U.S. for his treatment and to be with Jan.

Most people would be devastated by this kind of news, but not the Moseses. Their faith in God allowed them to remain positive and to trust that God would carry them through whatever lay ahead. In *An Uncommon Faith*, Mark remembers that Jan's first reaction to her cancer diagnosis didn't include shock or fear. "Her mother had cancer at an early age; Jan figured she would eventually get it, too." In a letter to family and friends after the

doctor confirmed the cancer had spread, Jan said, “God is not surprised. You know, bad news doesn’t have to rattle me. I know God is sovereign. He is in control.”

Jan held this kind of attitude during her three-year battle with cancer. Even her funeral in February 2007 was a testament to her faith and her desire that everyone know God. Jan recorded video clips of herself that she wanted shown at her funeral. In these clips, she encouraged people to follow Jesus and rely on Him. During her life, she constantly read the Bible to remember God’s promises of hope and love. In *An Uncommon Faith*, Mark describes God’s promises, which Jan personally understood and impressed on everyone she met. In his book, he honestly relates the struggles that the family endured and the lessons that the family learned about God’s grace and provision during difficult times.

“Trials are common to life,” said Jerry Rankin, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s International Mission Board, in the book’s foreword. “What followed, as Mark has so effectively communicated in this book, is a family that walked in victory and never wavered in its faith.”

Author Mark Moses is from Fort Worth, TX, where he earned his master’s degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is on medical furlough but recently received clearance to return to the Philippines in March.

Paperback copies of the book are available for \$14.95 through online bookstores such as Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com. Hannibal Books also offers the book through 800-747-0738 and www.hannibalbooks.com. ISBN: 978-1-934749-03-6.

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