



## ***An Afternoon with Rich and Shirley Nickels***

My wife, Patti, and I recently had the opportunity to spend a Sabbath afternoon with Rich and Shirley Nickels at the Southwest Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

When we left our home near Wichita, Kansas, we really expected to encounter a somber and depressing scene when we met up with Rich and Shirley in their Tulsa hospital room. Such was not the case. In fact, by the end of the day, we were very uplifted by the Nickels' trust in God and their overall up-beat, positive approach to this entire matter. Rich in particular was lively and enthusiastic in spite of all he has been through. After a couple of days of nausea due to radiation treatment, he felt good enough to go out with us to his favorite place to eat, Cracker Barrel.

I don't want in any way to minimize the struggle that faces the Nickels. The diagnosis is very serious, in fact, terminal, but Rich and Shirley's faith is strong, and Rich is being treated in one of the best cancer treatment centers in America. The facility uses natural treatments as well as the latest in modern medical knowledge. And, it is not just the patients and their families that pray at the hospital. The doctors routinely get together for prayer to seek God's intervention for their patients. If one has to go through this, I cannot think of a better place to do it. Let's all keep praying that our Father will show a special kindness to Rich and heal him. "By his stripes, we are healed."

The following notice regarding Rich's health appeared in *The Journal*.

—Ken Ryland

### ***Richard Nickels Diagnosed with Cancer, Giving & Sharing Bookstore Closed***

GILLETTE, Wyoming — Richard Nickels, 58, has been diagnosed with cancer and given six to nine months to live. The Victor Kubik Web site reports that the disease specifically is adrenal cancer which has spread to other parts of the body.

Richard founded the popular Giving & Sharing (G & S) bookstore in 1978. Bookstore operations have



been indefinitely stopped to give Rich time to battle and receive treatment for his illness.

In a March 22<sup>nd</sup> announcement posted on the Bible Sabbath Association Web site, office manager Shirley (Richard's wife) stated:

"My husband Richard Nickels has been diagnosed with cancer. They say he has 6 to 9 months to live, but we are going to Cancer Treatment Centers of America because they have had some wonderful results. We believe that God will heal him if it is his will."

Although the bookstore has been closed, plans are to continue updating the Giving & Sharing Web site and to keep publishing the online newsletter *Church of God News*.

Cards and letters can be sent to:

Richard/Shirley Nickels, 3316 Alberta Drive,  
Gillette, WY 82718, USA

Your prayers for Richard's healing would be most appreciated.