

# Andrew Johnson

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## Ghana

### SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Dear friends, prayers, and supporters!

Let me begin by saying thank you for all of the prayers, emails, and cards, that have been sent over the last couple of months. What a blessing!!

Psalm 143:8 says, *"Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul."*

This verse summarizes quite well much of what I have felt and prayed over the course of the last couple of months.

I want to update all of you on the latest information that I have concerning my recovery. I visited the doctor last week and have another scheduled for the end of September. As it currently stands, I am still being affected by the concussion, bone fractures on the left side of the face, and the muscle damage to the left eye.

The left eye remains sensitive to light and aches periodically. The pupil that is designed to shrink and expand based on light in the surrounding area, does not shrink or contract but will pulse momentarily and remain expanded. The eye specialist has stated that the eye will fix itself eventually, and I am scheduled to see him again at the end of September.

The bone fractures are actually a consistent ache in the background and are heightened by activities like eating, sneezing, or inadvertently resting my hand on my face. The fractures are also expected to heal themselves over time, however, the time it will take, is very open ended.

The concussion is the one that has, so far, shown the most improvement. The doctor has upgraded me from light activity to moderate activity, and has recommended I read and study again. With both of those increases in activity, I am to pay close attention to symptoms (headaches, irritability, or exhaustion). If an increase in symptoms does not occur, I am cleared to drive again as long I take extra precautions (drive locally, maybe drive with someone else in the car as a beginning point).

- Please continue to pray for me as I struggle to continue without being able to plan for future events. I am particularly wanting to carry on with pre-field ministry which primarily includes visiting supporting churches and reaching out to new individuals and churches to continue to raise my support. It would also include more flight time and A&P work. Pray that I would grow in patience and keep my eyes focused on Jesus even as I increase activities this month to continue recovery.
- Pray for discipline in my personal "rehab" activities. I lost nearly all of my stamina and a lot of physical motion. (I can't just go play ultimate Frisbee or wrestle anybody). I did not imagine myself doing any sort of rehab for this year. 😊

- Pray for me like Paul often prayed for those in his epistles. Pray that I would walk in holiness, pray that I would abound in love, pray that I would treasure Jesus deeply, and pray that I would find all of my identity in Christ alone. Pray that I wouldn't be discouraged as I go through yet another month of recovery.

For God's ever increasing GLORY!

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