



Update on Jonathan  
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Susan and I joked with Jonathan's cardiologist that she's such a poker face that we end up spending hours talking after we meet with her, each of us weighing in about the slight nuances of the inflections in her voice and whether or not we thought she was smiling or if it was in fact a slight grimace that reflected on her face as she talked medicine to us!

No matter how slowly she speaks and how patient she is in explaining things to us and answering our questions, it all seems afterwards to blur into trying to figure out if she's encouraged or worried by the results. The good thing about our doctor though is that in addition to being so competent and careful, she also gives good hugs that wonderful doctor of ours! And she also talks straight. The results of the tests today are such that she's decided it's best if she meets with all of the other doctors first thing in the morning tomorrow

and they examine the results together and then decide together whether or not Jonathan needs to have surgery.

We have a flight to catch tomorrow for Oklahoma so we'll be looking for a payphone after we get checked in and through security and we'll get to talk with her and find out what they've decided.

Many thanks to all of you for your notes of love and concern. We wish of course that we had more news to share with you. Godfrey and the rest of the gang will be out on the hill as soon as the sun comes up in Tanzania four or five hours from now waiting for my phone call. We'll just have to make another rendez-vous, but even if we won't have much of anything in the news department, it sure will at least be nice to hear everyone's voices and talk to our friends.