

Dear Wesleyan Family,

We have 4 children enrolled at Wesleyan in the academy and in the child care center, and I am coming to you today for your help. My husband was recently diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) which is a life threatening disease of the bone marrow. MDS is highly likely to progress to a type of blood cancer called Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), and the ONLY way to cure it is by bone marrow transplant. He is receiving chemotherapy now to help slow down the progression of the disease. My first request is that you would be in prayer for our family. Pray specifically for healing and that he would find a perfect donor match for the bone marrow transplant. Pray for our family that we can maintain as much normalcy at home as possible. Pray that through this, God WILL BE glorified. "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28.

My second request is to consider registering on [www.bethematch.org](http://www.bethematch.org) to see if you would be a potential match for anyone (including my husband) on the registry that is in need of a transplant. This is a fast and simple way to help save a life. If you are 18-44 years old, it is free for you to register. Simply go to [bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org) and register online. It takes about 5 minutes to register. Within 2 weeks, Be The Match will mail you a kit that includes a cotton swab. You simply swab the inside of your cheek, put the swab in an envelope and mail it back to them. Be The Match will process your sample within 3-12 weeks and add you to the registry. My husband will likely need the transplant in 12-16 weeks, so time is of the essence. Only 1 in 500 people on the registry are found to be a match for a patient in need. If you are a match, the process to donate is as simple as donating your blood. Please take 5 minutes TODAY to go on-line and register.

Please pray for our family. This is going to be a long process for us lasting 1-2 years post-transplant. We know that GOD IS ABLE and nothing is too big for Him especially when we come together as a community of believers for a specific purpose. Thank you so much from our family to yours.