
wife Carol

Posted by wburger - 2005/11/09 10:48

I guess I'll be second. My wife Carol has been battling 2 types of Cancer for 13 years now. First one she has beaten, Melonoma, the second one is breast cancer and is still fighting it. After several surgeries to remove the areas it still keeps coming back. She is on continual treatment and has developed a condition called Myasthenia Gravis probably due to some of the treatments. I have a good job and good health insurance but the financial burden is very heavy. We are being considered for a new position in Little Rock Arkansas where the pay would be substantially higher. We are praying for guidance and healing.

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2005/11/09 12:29

Wes, You and CArol will go on my prayer board next to my bed. First thin every morning and the last at night I will be praying for you. Vicky

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by wburger - 2006/01/05 08:29

Hi to my family of friends, Just to update you about my wife Carol. Her condition is deteriorating and is having major side effects to the treatments and medication. Stroke-like sympmtoms and heart irregularities among others. Plus it is very difficult to keep working and take care of her properly. The financial burden is becoming astronomical. Your prayers are appreciated and needed. Thanks for being there. Wes

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/01/05 15:52

Wes, I'm so sorry to hear the news of Carol's condition. I continue to pray for the Lords comfort and blessings to pour down on you. Hope your family was able to have a blessed holiday season. Try not to worry about the financial aspect, everybody takes payments. You have other things more important on your heart and mind right now. Love and Prayers from one of your family of friends,Vicky

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/01/06 10:33

Wes, I am so sorry about Carol's condition. I am holding you both in my heart and mind. I am praying that something will work out to enable you and your family to tend to her needs and be with her in a way that you all need. I know we are all a long distance away, but is there anything else we can do for you? Do you have hospice working with you? I cannot say enough good things about hospice. I've dealt with two different ones, once with my aunt and also with my father. They were wonderful and helpful in so many ways.

Nancy

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by wburger - 2006/01/10 12:31

Hi Nancy, thanks for your caring and concern it is really appreciated. I realize you probably do not know my wife more than a chance meeting in college and church back in the early 70's. I know none of us is really prepared for all that life throws at us, yet we know that some very tough things are coming at us at sometime or another. My parents passing

away was tough to deal with, but at some time I realized that since they were both Christians they had prepared themselves as best they could. My mom was only in her late 70's when she passed away, which was too soon, but my dad was almost 90 when he died. He was to the point where he was looking forward to going to Heaven and not being a burden on his children. I guess if I had a choice it would be the latter. Like many of us, my wife, Carol, is in her middle 50's and far from a normal age to pass away. We are fighting the Cancer and other conditions with everything we have, but at some point we have to realize that all we can do as people is exhausted and that God has to do the rest, whatever His Will is. We are to that point. We do have hospice helping with some wonderful nurses, and some very sophisticated IV and Chemtherapy type treatments. The days are long and the nights very short. She only sleeps two or three hours per night. I have been getting very little more than that. I think I can hold out physically, but the exhaustion is taking it's toll on both of us, and no matter how much health insurance you have it is still not enough. I am in the insurance business and have some of the finest health insurance available, but there is so much that is not fully covered, it is just staggering. By the time we are done with this struggle I might have to declare some sort of bankruptcy to give me time to regroup. For now the expenses are taking their toll on everything, but I cannot just say NO to the needed treatments etc. I know that the Good Lord has his eye on us, but even with that you wind up with many doubts and "why us" type questions. To answer your question, yes we have needs. Prayer is the biggest one, and a few thousand for medical bills wouldn't be bad either. We are not sure what the near future or long future holds, very up in the air, but we have to do like Pastor Lee taught us years ago, about the "cycle of victorious living" Commit, Trust, Delight, and Rest. Thanks to all our "Family of Friends" which you are. We will keep you updated as we know more. Thanks again for being there. It definitely helps. Wes

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/01/11 18:13

Wes,

I have been thinking about you two so much today, and praying as well. It's true that we don't know Carol, but our communications about the reunion, as well as the communications through this forum, have really strengthened the bonds between all of us. When I was younger I probably wouldn't have communicated with someone I didn't know all that well, but this age we're at has a way of pointing out to us what's really important.

When my father had pancreatic cancer in 2002, I was fortunate to be able to take a leave of absence from my job and go up to Orcas Island, Washington, where he lived, to help take care of him in his last several weeks. It was probably the most amazing experience of my life. Anyway, the community up there is very close and small, just a few thousand people, and there was a wonderful hospice with wonderful volunteers. My sister was there for awhile while I was getting things ready at work so I could leave for awhile. She and Barbara, my stepmother began taking turns sleeping in the bed (kingsized) at night with my father so that someone could help him if he needed help in the middle of the night. Even that took its toll on them, taking turns every other night. By the time I got back up there a couple weeks later, the hospice volunteers had begun coming every third night (one at a time) to give Barbara and Susan a break at night so that they each got two nights of uninterrupted rest. When I arrived, Susan went back home, and the volunteers continued to come and kept coming every third night until a couple nights before Daddy died. Each morning when each person got ready to leave, he or she would tell me what a privilege and honor it had been to be there for my father. I couldn't believe it! I felt so blessed.

I wonder if there might be people in your church who would be willing to minister to you and Carol that way. I know it might be difficult to ask, but it could also be a blessing to them to be able to serve in that way. Just a thought.

I continue to pray for you and Carol and your family, as well as for your financial situation.

Nancy

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by wburger - 2006/01/13 11:42

Nancy and our other good friends, thanks for sharing what must have been very painful times for you and your family. It helps us keep focused on the really important big picture. Things are still very tough for us, but seemed to have stabilized a little for now. We are trying to obtain what help we can from our local church. To be honest they are not as helpful as you are. We will keep you updated on here so all our friends might help pray as they feel they can. It is truly appreciated. Thanks again my family of friends for being there. You cannot imagine how much it helps. Wes

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/01/24 15:07

Hi Wes, This is the first time since the holidays the web-site has let me submit anything. There are alot of people in MO. praying for you guys. Hope you guys were able to enjoy the holidays. Please keep us updated. Love and prayers,Vicky

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by wburger - 2006/01/25 09:14

Hi Vickie and friends, thanks so much for your prayers and concern. This is a very difficult time, but at least for the moment some things seem to have leveled off a little. Right now the problems are very severe on the financial side, besides the health problems. If you could continue to focus your prayers on those two areas it is appreciated. Thanks again for everything. You guys are true friends. Wes

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/01/25 13:56

Wes, it was good to hear that things are leveling out for you. I'm glad to be able to write and let you know that you are still in our hearts and prayers. Please keep in touch.Love and prayers, Vicky

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/02/21 08:24

Wes, you and Carol have been so heavy on my heart today. Just wanted to remind you that I,m praying for you. Love, Vicky

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by wburger - 2006/02/23 07:16

Vicky and all. Thanks so much. Your prayers are definitely appreciated and are working. There are some good things happening on a number of fronts. I will let you know later how it is going. Thanks,Wes

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/02/24 07:37

Wes, I have you and Carol on my mind today so I thought I,d just let you know. Thanks for keeping us updated. Love and prayers, Vicky

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ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/04/11 08:11

Hi Guys, just have time for a short request. Tomorrow 4-12-06 at 9:00 Trent has his bond reduction hearing, we need all

the prayers we can get. Thanks again for being so faithful. Love, Vicky

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Re:ITrent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/04/11 12:23

Vicky,

I'll be praying for Trent and everyone else involved.

Wes, are you out there? I need your address. It was on my computer, and then I lost all my email addresses, etc. Thanks, Nancy

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Re:ITrent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/04/11 12:33

Wes, our computer is going into the shop for who knows how long tomorrow morning. Could you email me your mailing address to my work email address at nreas.emcsd.org? Thanks. I should be able to receive it there.

Nancy

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Re:ITrent

Posted by wburger - 2006/04/28 11:22

Hi all, Carol had a very rough week this week, almost lost her a couple of times. She is at home now with the nurse who is giving her an infusion of some high powered medicine to keep her strength up and the pain down. She quit breathing several times because of lack of strength to breathe. It is almost ironic that at the same time the mortgage banker got us approved to get into a house with no down or closing costs which is a huge answer to prayer. With all the medical bills showing up on our credit history we had thought that buying a house was out of the question. Seems there is a special program for people like us with huge medical bills on our record that has come into place since the first of the year, that will allow us to get in with very few closing costs as well. Please continue to pray for us and Carol in particular that the Lord would intervene. I just heard from the nurse a couple of minutes ago and Carol is responding well to the treatment today. We will take any good news we can get. Thank you all for the prayers, I know they are working wonders. We will keep you informed as to the progress. Thanks, Wes

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Re:ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/04/28 13:04

Hi Wes, I continue to pray for you guys daily. Carol has been on my mind so much lately. I feel so close to you both since the web-site began. I think we're closer now than when we were in CM's. It must be the trials of life. It's so nice to have you guys as reliable prayer partners. Congratulations on your house loan. Maybe that will help ease your mind some. Hope your weekend goes better than your week. Love you, Vicky

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Re:ITrent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/04/28 17:45

Wes, Thanks for letting us know about Carol's week. I'm sure that others besides Vicky and I are praying for her and for you too. I really appreciate being able to communicate through the website, and like Vicky, I feel closer to you because of it.

I mentioned this to Wes already in an email, but for the rest of the CMs out there who view this site but don't live in the Pasadena area, you may not have heard that Grant Lee's mother, Hazel Lee, passed away recently. She was quite a lady and will be missed by many many people.

Nancy

Re:ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/04/30 14:18

Nancy, I agree with you. Even tho just the 3 of us are the only ones who write on a regular basis, I keep thinking that some of the others who read the web-site will be praying. I wish they would let us know, but faith springs eternal. Hope you guys have a great week. Nancy and Wes I continue top pray for you daily. Love, Vicky

Re:ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/05/01 12:02

Hi everyone, just a reminder that Trent goes to court again Wednesday. We think they will be dropping two of the charges, then we'll go from there. We need your prayers. Love, Vicky

Re:ITrent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/05/01 18:57

Vicky, You've got them! How is he doing, by the way? Nancy

Re:ITrent

Posted by wburger - 2006/05/02 07:33

Vicky, our prayers are with you and Trent as well. We will be praying especially on Wednesday for Gods intervention. Wes and Carol

Re:ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/05/04 06:40

Hi guys, Thanks for praying. Trent was bound over to superior court yesterday, byt his attorney was very hopeful about Trents case. His next court date is either May11th or 25th, we're waiting to hear. I think he's finally realized how hard God has to knock you down to get your attention. I think he's listening now !!!! Nancy , Carol' and Wes thanks for being such faithful friends. You'll never know the relief you've given me some days. Love you Vicky

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Re:Trent

Posted by wburger - 2006/05/04 10:48

Vicky, the prayers for Trent will continue. Let us know if you hear anything else. In a recent e-mail I mentioned that Carol had a very bad week, but I wanted you and Nancy and our other dear friends to know that the prayers are working and that this week is the best she has had in several months. I know there is some new infusion medicine, but the Good Lord is really doing a work in her now. Not sure where it is all going yet, but if I had to judge by this week alone I would say everything is getting much better. Your prayers are very much appreciated as well. Wes and Carol

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Re:Trent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/05/04 19:46

You are so welcome, Vicky! It's amazing how praying for someone regularly can make you feel close to them. I'm glad to be here for you and Trent and the rest of your family. I will continue to pray that God will do something powerful in Trent's life, no matter what happens.

Nancy

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Re:Trent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/05/04 20:00

That is so great, Wes. I have to tell you that I always have a hard time praying for physical healing, and for a long time I didn't do it. I do pray that way now, but even more I pray for God to work in a person's spirit and to take away fear. When I don't know what to pray I think of the person and know that God knows what he or she needs. Praying for you and Carol and Vicky and Trent and a lot of other people has enriched my life.

Nancy

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Re:Trent

Posted by wburger - 2006/05/22 06:38

Hi Nancy, Vickie, and all, I just wanted to let you know that some good things are happening here. Carol is taking a turn for the better. She has responded very well to the last several treatments and now has more energy than before and not so many of the side effects such as the massive headaches etc. The Lord allowed us to buy a house last week with no money down, not even closing costs, and we moved in starting last Wednesday. The little place is very nice. Older house, but out on 1.3 acres surrounded by trees with lots of birds, deer, and alot of other wildlife. A lot of windows from inside the house to see out to the forest area so that makes it very nice for Carol. Carols mom and older brother drove up from the Kansas City area to help, and it was a very good time. We are very grateful for your prayers and support. There is no way to explain away what is happening now except that the Lord is leading the way. Thanks, Wes

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Re:wife Carol

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/05/24 13:06

Hello dear friends, Its been awhile. Wes and Carol your new house sounds like a real answer to prayer. Nothing like looking out at nature to help a heart heal. Trent's last court date, he was bound over to Superior court and tomorrow at 1:00 is his 1st day in superior court. Please pray, we need you. Last week my son and daughter-in-law separated after 7 years. They have 2 kids Clayton and Jada(6 and 2). Patrick seemed to be doing ok with it and then he was admitted to the hospitals d-tox ward. He's been there 3 days and is being sent out on his own tomorrow. I didn't even know he was

drinking, so this all has been quite a shock. Thanks for listening! Love and Prayers, Vicky

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Re:ITrent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/05/24 21:34

Wes, I'm really glad Carol is doing better and also that you got the house. It sounds very healthful and peaceful.

Vicky, I am praying for Trent and for Patrick too. And you too. Hang in there.

Nancy

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Re:ITrent

Posted by wburger - 2006/05/25 11:31

Vicky, it is around 1:00pm your time right now. We are praying for your entire family right now. Let us know how things went. Wes and Carol

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Re:ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/05/25 13:50

Hi guys, Its 3:30 and I just got home. Trent was supposed to have another bond reduction hearing today, but the prosecuting attorney forgot to send out the supenas so it was continued until June 8th. I just have to keep believing that Gods not ready for him to be released yet. There must be more lessons for him to learn. Thanks for all you prayers and concern. Love, Vicky

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Re:ITrent

Posted by wburger - 2006/05/26 10:29

Vicky, we are still praying for God's best for Trent and your family. We are believing that God has a special plan for you and your family and that somehow this might turn out to be a tremendous turning point for you and yours. We know that you and your family have endured a lot during the past few years, we know a little bit ourselves about enduring, but after much tribulation we are seeing a turning point in our own lives. Carol continues to improve with a lot of prayer and a lot of medicine, but improvement is coming. The Good Lord opened up a house for us to buy even when we thought we could never even think about it and would rather have moved closer to family out west. Frankly Carol was so near death many times in the last few months and years that we had no hope for her survival. But for whatever reason God has chosen not to take her home yet, and is allowing her to improve. We are humbly grateful Carol does have another relatively minor surgery on Tuesday to widen an artery in her arm through the use of an angioplasty. She already had an artificial artery put in a few weeks ago but this is in a slightly different area and they feel they can just use the angioplasty to accomplish what they want. As soon as that is complete, she starts the plasmapheresis treatment next Thursday. If everything works the way it is supposed to that will further give her the strength to continue the battle against the cancer and the Myasthenia Gravis at the same time. The medical advances and treatment are great, but God's leading is even better. We can never repay his grace to us. By seeing what is happening to us, I hope that gives you and your family some insight as to what God can do for you. I believe that he is working already and shouldn't be surprised by the results of his work. We will continue to pray for you and your family. Please keep us in your prayers as well. Wes and Carol.

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Re:ITrent

Posted by vmoyers7@yahoo.com - 2006/05/26 13:41

Wes, I'm thrilled to hear all the good news about Carol. Her letters and cards have been such a blessing to me. This will

be my last post on this web-site, from now on please e-mail me directly and I will do the same. I recieved an e-mail from (name edited by admin) who apparently visits the web-site from time to time. It was very crass, rude, and foul! I don't know why he feels he has the right to talk to me that way, but he won't be able to evesdrop on any of my conversations again. I feel like our site has been tainted. I've never read anything so sad and bitter as what he sent. I believe he needs all of our prayers. I will write you soon on your work e-mail. Hang in there and thanks. Give Carol a hug for me. Love, Vicky

Post edited by: admin, at: 2006/05/26 19:47

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Re:ITrent

Posted by rlparker - 2006/05/26 19:40

vmoyers7@yahoo.com wrote:

This will be my last post on this web-site, from now on please e-mail me directly and I will do the same. I recieved an e-mail from **** who apparently visits the web-site from time to time. It was very

Vicky,

I can tell that you are very upset, and I understand your frustration. Of course, I am sorry that you received an email that distressed you as as result of your participation on this web site.

This is as good a time as any to remind all visitors to this site of a couple of "truths" about internet communities. By and large, they are open to the public, and you should expect all kinds of behaviors to be encountered in such communities. While we might like to think that the nature of this ittle spot makes it immune to hurtful things, Vicky has just seen evidence that this is not always the case. It is for these reasons that the website has several procedures and practices in place to shield participants from unpleasant behaviors:

- 1) Posters to this forum must be registered, not so they can be vetted, but so inappropriate posts can be policed, and abusive users prohibited from posting.
- 2) Properly registered users of this forum can enjoy the "buffer" of avoiding direct "private" communication with any visitor to the website by communicating with each other via the forum. The public nature of the forum, allowing all to see what is posted, tends to discourage inappropriate postings, and help to keep the discussion civil.
- 3) Your email address, which was collected when you registered/activated your membership on this site, is not available to the public. Posting your email addresses, or phone numbers, or physical addresses on this (or, for that matter, on *any* public forum) exposes you to potentially unwanted communication from others.

None of that is intended to be a criticism of you, Vicky, or of any of the other trusting souls who have posted such information on this site. It is only intended to help educate all as to the realities of "online" life.

I have no interest in seeing this forum degenerate into public squabbles, and encourage each of us to think carefully before we post. Often, emails received in private are best dealt with in private, in order to keep from escalating an already unpleasant situation.

Vicky, if you would like to change your user name to one that does not reflect your email address, just complete the "Contact Us" form and make such a request. I will be happy to set up a new user name for you, which you might find helpful if you have, or obtain, an alternate email address. If you need a Gmail invite, to set up a new email account, I'm happy to provide you with one.

Love,
Robert Parker
Christian Minstrels Reunited!
Webmaster, Emeritus

Post edited by: rlparker, at: 2006/05/26 19:56

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Re:ITrent

Posted by Nancy Urschel Reas - 2006/05/28 22:25

Vicky,

I'm sorry and very surprised about the email you received. I've felt like this site was a great way for the CMs to reconnect and support each other. Although not many people have communicated (and I wonder why because I'm sure others view the messages), it has been a blessing to me to share in Wes' and your lives. I do pray for you each day, and I'm sure others do also. I will continue to pray that God will work in the lives of Trent and Patrick. Thank you for sharing about their needs.

Love, Nancy

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Wes Burger

Posted by Wes Burger - 2007/03/12 09:52

Hi all, if anyone is still reading these, I would like to hear from you. I just recently was laid off from work and anyone trying to E-mail me on my old office computer that I have had for the past 7 years, probably could not get through. I have a new E-mail address at home now. It is w.burger@comcast.net. Carol is still getting major treatments every 18 days which is keeping her going, for which we have the Good Lord to thank. Your prayers are still valued and appreciated. Would love to hear from you. Take care. Wes

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Re:Wes Burger

Posted by Wes Burger - 2007/08/31 16:42

Good evening dear friends. Just thought I would let you know that our God is still in the business of answering prayers. Carol is doing much better. Cancer free. I have just been hired for a new position over in Peoria, Illinois. After 6 months being off I would have taken about anything to get back to work, but the Good Lord worked it out so that I not only got a position, but a good one. I am the new Senior Director of Sales for the Argonaut Great Central Insurance Company, based in Peoria. I will have an office right across from the company president and answer only to him. I am told they are grooming me to take over one of the divisions of the company. The future has great possibilities. Isn't it great how God can take something bad and not only turn it into good, but something better than I could have hoped for. We will be moving next week, the Tuesday after Labor Day, and will probably be able to move into the leased house by the end of next week. We are excited about it all, and can hardly believe some of it. We will let you know more later, but for now I will have to sign off from the home computer. I have to take the modem and things back to the cable company tomorrow. If anyone needs to get a hold of me, I now have a company laptop. My e-mail address for now is wburger@argonautgroup.com. I will advise when the house computer is up and running again. Thanks for your prayers. Wes

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