

Dear Brethren, As many of you know our brother John Grinnell has Parkinson. He is receiving the strongest medicine they have and he is at the limit of what they can give him. There is a process known as Deep brain stimulation - see below -

Deep brain stimulation (DBS) is a [neurosurgical](#) procedure involving the placement of a medical device called a [neurostimulator](#) (sometimes referred to as a "brain pacemaker"), which sends electrical impulses, through implanted [electrodes](#), to specific targets in the [brain](#) (brain nuclei) for the treatment of movement disorders, including [Parkinson's disease](#), [essential tremor](#), and [dystonia](#).^[1] While its underlying principles and mechanisms are not fully understood, DBS directly changes brain activity in a controlled manner.^{[2][3]} [Wikipedia](#)

John has been checked out and the doctors believe that Deep brain stimulation would help John with his quality of life. He can have surgery as early as this month, but openings are also in September and October.

Medicare will pay a large portion, but not all of the cost. John and Dwindia are in need of help from their brothers and sisters in Christ. I can imagine that also during this time they will not be able to run their business, or at least not full time.. So they will have more than just medical costs that need to be covered. I do know that during operation and recovery they will need to live in Gainesville, FL and will be needing to rent a place to stay during this time.

They will need to pay a fairly large sum of money upfront before the doctor will even do the surgery. And John will need at least three surgeries if I understood correctly - so I am assuming that means they will need to pay this sum before each surgery.

We at the Plymouth Church of Christ will be taking up love offerings for John and Dwindia during this time to help them cover these costs.

If you would like to help with this effort of love: please send your checks to:

Plymouth Church of Christ
P.O. Box 324
Plymouth, FL 32768
(label it Love Offering for John Grinnell)

If you need a receipt please let us know and we will send one to you.

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P.S. if you need more information please contact Monti Renner