

Jim has been texting me off and on all day. At noon it was: "Having a good day, slow and steady"

I asked how he and Barb were doing, and got pictures of them both with goofy grins on their faces, saying they were "fine." I asked how Sr Mary was and he said he hadn't seen her since breakfast. He says Mark is returning on [Friday](#) on Delta, should arrive around 6pm in ATL.

Then.... At 4pm the drama started. I got a text telling me to "locate Sanjay Gupta. We have a neuro case needing immed attn. Case refused by Israel, France, cdti (I have no idea what this is...I've looked it up and none of the things I found make sense in the sentence!) and Univ of Miami due to lack of neurosurgeon."

So I went to CNN's website and submitted an i-report, with the following:

Pictures are of Benji Janvier, she is w/ Dr Jim Toth, from Duluth, GA. 18 yr old woman with basilar skull fracture, facial fracture, cerebrospinal fluid leak. She is alert and oriented and on IV. Turned down by Israel, France, CDTI and Univ of Miami at the airport due to lack of neurosurgeon! He is begging by text for her life to be saved! He says Univ of Miami at the Intl Airport wants her to return to their dirt field at Matthew 25 House because they do not have neuro capabilities. "sos, sos, sos" Please help!!

I also posted it to their Twitter feed and on my Facebook page, hoping someone would help. It is difficult to contact CNN and get anywhere! Thankfully, Jim was persistent and bugged people until they found someone who made arrangements to get her 'coptered to the USNS Comfort.

So I posted this on the i-report:

"Found someone w/ a contact at the USNS Comfort. Moving patient to the landing strip now! Thanks for any help you gave! Pray she lives!"

It is still not showing up on their website! Anywhoo, in the meantime, I asked a question and didn't get an answer for a while, then got a text saying he had been busy assisting in urology surgery and another emergent arterial bleed! He also says to check out NPR about the patient mentioned above. I can tell you its not there yet, maybe in the am.

So, it has been an eventful day!

So everyone knows, Mark will get in on Saturday at around 6pm; Jim and Barb on Sunday at around 6pm as well. Jon is staying in country for another week or so.

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