

# Evangelist Billy Graham in hospital with bronchitis

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c. 2012 USA Today ASHEVILLE, N.C. (RNS) Evangelist Billy Graham, 93, was admitted to a North Carolina hospital after he developed a fever Saturday (Aug. 11) and is now being treated for bronchitis, said his longtime spokesman, A. Larry Ross.

"Mr. Graham continues to do well and the infection is responding well to treatment," said Dr. David Pucci, the pulmonologist who is treating Graham at Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C., on Monday. Graham is in stable condition.

Graham spent Sunday watching the Olympics and the broadcast of the worship services at First Baptist Spartanburg, where the guest preacher this week was his grandson, third-generation evangelist William Graham IV, Ross said.

Graham was previously hospitalized at Mission Hospital for successful treatment of pneumonia last November. He resumed his routine program of physical therapy and normal activity at his home in Montreat, N.C., shortly after his release.

Ross said Sunday that Graham has remained in good overall health the past year, though he continues to remain at home because of age-related conditions. Graham remains actively involved in ministry and writing projects, including near completion of a manuscript for a new book summarizing his gospel message over the past seven decades of public ministry.

It's expected Graham will be in the hospital for "a few days," Ross said. The hospital reported Graham is looking forward to returning home to his family.