

March 30, 2020

Dear Pastor & Church Family:

Since our last prayer letter in December, 2019 our wonderful and mighty God has ordained and sustained us. This has been our prayer for 2020 and we are seeing God answer prayer. The key is to be still and understand He is all knowing and understands each direction our lives take before we even begin a journey.

Our journey has been a roller coaster ride! On December 27, 2019 I was admitted to the hospital for Congestive Heart Failure. They also found that my ejection fraction is less than 25% and I am also in Atrial Fibrillation. Along with my cancers and my immune system being suppressed, I was truly in the hands of our God. The doctors immediately started treatment and was able to get me stable. I am currently on oxygen and an heart monitor that detects when my heart stops and then sends a signal to shock if and when necessary. They started me on some new medications and by the grace of God I was able to go home before the new year.

With my Lord's abiding hand and power, and hard-headedness I was able to continue my current itinerary. Prior to my admittance to the hospital I was scheduled to preach an evening service with Pastor Shawn Smith at Heritage Baptist Church in Dewitt, Michigan. This church was such a blessing. Brother Smith allowed me to come just one day after I was discharged from the hospital. They lifted my weary spirit and encouraged my wife and family. The body of Christ is truly a gift from God and we are so blessed. In February after some needed rest I was also able to do a 4 day winter revival with Pastor Brian Blount at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Ludington, Michigan. After we returned, I received a phone call from another evangelist who told me of a new church plant that needed someone to assist them and find a full time pastor for this ministry in Breckenridge, Michigan. This city is about an hour north of where we live. I have been in contact with them and when I am healthier and the COVID-19 ban has been lifted, I will be helping them by doing Sunday morning services and assisting them in finding a full time pastor. I have my work cut out for me and I am looking forward to see what God has for them and how he will use me and my family. I have had to cancel some meetings even today because of the virus and my health condition. In July, we are looking forward to being with Pastor Stuart Pauley at Greenwood Baptist Church in Winchester, VA.

With my health being a rollercoaster and because of numerous doctors appointments my scheduling of meetings has been placed on hold. I am currently working on my masters in Bible and strengthening my health. The doctors have asked me to place a hold until they can do a heart procedure that hopefully will get me out of A-Fib and increase the ejection fraction percentage. All of my appointments have been rescheduled due to the current world condition.

Our family is doing well. Jamie is continuing to teach at a local school. Please pray for this situation and how her school year will finish. Josh had to return home from West Coast Baptist Bible College in Lancaster, CA. He is finishing the semester online. Alyssa and Matt are in grade school and are also continuing the school year online. This is a sudden change in our schedules, and my wife and kids have been able to adjust.

We are truly grateful for all God has done and will be doing in our lives. Thank you for praying and supporting us. We count it a blessing and a joy to be used by God. As my Moto for my ministry " God is good, no matter what, Don't quit Ministry" I am not going to quit and my goal is to schedule as many meetings as possible for this roller coaster 2020 year. Enclosed is a new picture of our family.

Because of All He has done!

Evangelist Paul & Jen Barnes