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Dear Pastor, Church, and praying friends,

Since our last letter, I have had my left hip joint replaced. For the most part I came through the surgery and recovery very well. However, the procedure required an injection every day of a blood thinner. This was not appropriate for me and we ended up at the doctor's office every day to combat excessive bleeding. Over all, I am grateful that I have no pain on my left side anymore. However, I am scheduled to have the other hip replaced on the 18th of June. Now that we know what to expect, I trust I will come through this 2nd surgery much better with God's blessings and faithful prayers of so many.

Since we have been held up in returning to Australia, we have appreciated the opportunity to help with the establishment of the Harvest Hills Baptist Church here in Springdale, Arkansas. This past Sunday was very special as the church was officially organized. One young lady, Kallee, was baptized; it was very precious for us to see this young convert exercise a step of faith and obedience. We have loved and prayed for her and several other young adults as they have grown in the Lord. The pastor honored us for working with him and the church from the very first meeting. Though God keeps the records, we were surprised and pleased to be appreciated in this way.

We have also had the opportunity to buy 120 Bibles for an inner city outreach with the Fairview Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Bibles will be given to faithful children, youth, and adults for their Christian growth in organized programs. We consider this as an eternal investment.

Our son, Timothy, and his wife, Melanie, and children, are also missionaries in Australia. Tim contracted a very rare infection in the back of his throat; as it grew it was shutting off his breathing. He was treated with steroids and later with antibiotics. Finally, it was diagnosed as Ludwig Angina and so serious that the doctor rode with him in the ambulance to the Royal Brisbane hospital. He had surgery and is finally recovering at home on very strong antibiotics. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery!

The Lord allowing us, we have hopes to return to Australia mid-October or early November. Please pray we can see this dream come true.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are very grateful for all those who have stood with us in our on-going physical difficulties. We still have a strong desire to serve the Lord as he opens doors for us.

In the Harvest Together,

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*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again
with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6*