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Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

God has worked in marvelous ways in our lives and those of our family in recent days. As you know I had my left hip replaced in March; the recovery was more difficult due to excessive bleeding. However, on the 19th of June I had my right hip surgery. Right out of the operating room, I was rejoicing. Every one, including doctors and nurses, were amazed at my countenance and exceptional progress. In less than 6 weeks, I was back to cutting my lawn and driving the car. I walk with a cane for stability, but am daily challenged now to get back into a fuller lifestyle. All glory belongs to God for his abundant blessings to me.

We have shared with you for almost two years how we felt led to help plant a new church here in our city of Springdale, Arkansas. We have loved the opportunities and been encouraged to see Harvest Hills Baptist Church as they have come to an organization in May with several families and individuals signing the charter. Praise God for a new lighthouse in our Northwest part of Arkansas. Since my recovery, we felt God leading us back to our sending church, and have been planning a return trip to Australia in October.

Our son, Timothy, his wife, Melanie, and their children arrived back in the States in July. We shared Tim's rare and serious health issues when he was diagnosed with Ludwig Angina. He has struggled to gain back his strength and wellbeing. Then on August 8th, he suffered a stroke in the base of his brain. It did not fully develop for several days, but finally, he is paralyzed on his right side. But there is some better news concerning his condition: he is in a rehab hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He is working with physical therapists and doctors to regain total mobility. God is to be greatly praised even when afflictions come into our lives. He, with His tender mercy, brings a new strength and devotion to us. We trust Tim will have a complete recovery and great testimony for the Lord. We are grateful also for a Christian doctor that prays and shares Bible truths with Tim and Melanie as he ministers to his physical needs!

We are thankful for God's goodness to us as Joyce celebrated her 80th birthday in July and our 59th wedding anniversary later that month. Thank you so very much for so many that made our special days even more joyful. We had begun to work on a target date to leave for Australia on October 9th, but we are quite involved with Tim's little children while he is still hospitalized. Please pray for us and an open door in God's best timing.

Thank you so very much for your faithful prayers and support. We are so grateful for all those who have stood by us with our on-going physical difficulties. Our heart's desire is to serve the Lord as he makes a way for us.

In the Harvest Together,


Earl & Joyce Koon

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Thank You. God Bless You!

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