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Dear Pastor, Church, and praying friends,

July was a month of celebration; that is in part. Joyce had her 81st birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and she received many encouraging cards and wishes. Later in the month, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we were due to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Our kids had rented a place where we were to have a special dinner and invite quite a few friends. But on that very day, our oldest daughter, Faith, had an emergency eye operation. They had been in Europe, but changed all plans and flew home on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and she was operated on on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Our kids agreed to post pone our anniversary party for a more convenient time. Faith is still blind in her left eye, but expects complete restoration in time.

Our daughter, BethAnne, and husband, Drew, have had their lives turned upside down in the last 9 months as they have carried the heavy burden of Nathaniel's car wreck and extensive brain injury. He was released to go home from the hospital on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. This means they have had to assume his total care! Before they could accommodate him, they have had a ramp built from the driveway into the house and are presently having their bathroom remodeled to have a walk-in shower. During these projects, their little Yorkie broke his leg and had extensive surgery. Beth had to take him everyday to the hospital while she tended to Nathaniel. Nat has had 40 hyperbaric oxygen treatments and they have advanced his abilities and mental awareness considerably. We praise God for each accomplishment. Then yesterday their home air conditioner burned out, and this morning she reported that during the night their car was stolen from their driveway. God has some very special people in his hands right now; amid it all they can have peace. (after the initial shock!) Last week their car was recovered with considerable expense to repair the damages. Please pray for strength and wisdom for their complex lives. Beth is very busy daily as Drew is a U.S. army chaplain.

I spend some time each week with our son, Tim. He has a deep desire to serve the Lord. He seems to have an uplifting outlook through all of his difficulties. Often, he has been dizzy and nauseated, and runs out of energy quickly. His doctors are working with him, and we are seeing some improvement. However, just this past week, Tim injured his back, and has been in excruciating pain, and very wobbly on his feet. God works in wondrous ways in our lives; we know that by our own testimonies. Please continue to pray for his healing, and for Melanie. She carries a heavy load and is so faithful to the Lord.

We keep in contact with our churches in Australia. They are true to the Word of God. Sometimes, that is more than what some people want to hear! So, some come, some stay, and some leave. It is a slow process to grow a church! We not only need strong Christians, but we need called out disciples to plant new churches. Our hearts are still entwined with the people of Australia, saved, and unsaved.

We praise the Lord for opportunities to serve Him wherever we are. We have been in several meetings in Southern Missouri just recently. Also, Joyce had the privilege of leading a young mother to the Lord this past Sunday. We are willing and very grateful to be used wherever the Lord opens doors.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

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*