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Dear Prayer Partner:

Well, it is *now* the “good ole summer time,” unfortunately, not my favorite time of the year. I just don’t operate well in hot weather and usually find myself longing for the fall. But we also understand that God made the seasons and will surely help us through it. God knows, we are extremely grateful for good a/c! Amen?

General George Washington said in the year 1779 in the midst of the Revolutionary War, “Our Cause is noble. It is the cause of mankind.” I would like to change the last word to “*Christ*” and say that our cause is the **Cause of CHRIST** and we know that this is the greatest Cause of all. Little David said to his big brother just before he went out and fought the giant, “*Is there not a cause?*” (1 Samuel 17:29). Christ left us with a mission to evangelize the world (Mark 16:15 “*every creature*”), and our *cause* is our deep commitment to carry out that commission to the best of our ability. I still believe that if every God-ordained church would do their part the *cause* could be accomplished in our lifetime. God’s people everywhere should get involved in this great effort. We should ask God what our personal part should be for this greatest *cause* of all and do it with our whole heart! In THAT DAY, we will be glad we did, for sure.

As we all know, our country (and much of the world) has been somewhat in a state of consternation these past five months because of this China virus. Whatever you may think of it (and there are for sure a lot of lies and exaggerations out there), it has basically paralyzed the places it has hit. It is certainly a different world. Now, this has delayed and changed many of our “normal” efforts in our *cause* and somewhat dampened it, but we must prevail! It has been amazing to hear of the blessings that many churches are reporting on how that despite the shutdowns, social distancing and limitations the government has put on churches that people are still being saved, missionaries are still getting meetings and support and many church offerings have been even higher. I know that our church just had a record quarter (April, May June) giving report and this church is over a hundred years old. Missionaries are reporting that during the pandemic that most of their churches continued their support and deputation missionaries were even able to raise support by doing “virtual” deputation. One military missionary in Europe reports,

“(we) are very grateful for your faithfulness to us with your prayers and financial support. We have received emails, special notes of encouragement, and cards during these times; thank you. I know that you are also going through challenging time, which for me makes what you’re doing for us even more special. Thank you very much and I praise and thank God for you and your faithfulness to Him.”

So, despite the shutdowns and other problems, God can still take care of His people and His **Cause!**

However, we have had a few setbacks concerning which we would ask you to join us in prayer. Most of the summer programs and events at BIMI had to be delayed and/or re-arranged. First, the mission had to re-schedule the June Candidate School to the last week of July. Then, as the date approached, the Tennessee health officials put out such strict requirements that it was necessary to re-schedule in December (6-11, 2020). This has hampered some missionary candidates from getting started right away in their deputation ministry. Then, the July Enrichment Week for furloughing missionaries had to be done “virtually” for the first time ever. Finally, Camp BIMI had to be re-scheduled until further notice. But we all know and understand that none of this took God by surprise so we know that all is well. May He use the wrath of man once again to praise Him!

Joyce and I have had a touch-and-go schedule having one meeting in May, two in June, three in July and two are scheduled in August. We have a fairly busy fall and will keep you informed regarding it. We praise Him for good health to continue serving Him in this great work of Military Missions. Please pray for our military personnel and for our missionary families during this difficult time.

One very important prayer request: Please join Joyce and me in prayer regarding what is going on in our country with all of this rebellion and outright anarchy. We understand and can easily see that it is completely un-American and totally ungodly as they are burning the American flag and copies of the Word of God during these riots. This is why we believe they are all inspired by the enemies of our country and Satan, himself. Our hearts are heavy over it as we love our nation, as we know you do as well.

Please stay safe through this mess and know we are praying for you. We always covet your continued prayers for us. If we can be of any help to you please let us know. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. We love you and remain...

In Christ’s Service,

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