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AND THEIR FAMILIES



Fall 2020

Dear Praying Friend:

The wonderful season of autumn has arrived! Praise the Lord! October is the favorite month of the year for both Joyce and me. We love the beauty of God's creation manifested in the changing of the colors to the fall season. I personally love the cooler days and nights. On our way to meetings in North and South Carolina we often purposely drive through the mountains to enjoy the beauty of the handiwork of our great Creator.

Of course, the arrival of fall means that summer is ended. That surely is a blessing to me in itself since I am not a fan of hot weather. But the thing I am immediately reminded of is the verse in Jeremiah 8:20, *the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved*. These are, indeed, sad words! There is a world of lost souls who need to be brought to Christ, a harvest that must be gathered in or it will rot in the field. Unfortunately, it's too late for many and time is quickly running out. This is what our Lord meant in John 4:35 when He said, *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already unto harvest*. Eternity is long and our time to reach lost souls is short. We must do our best and sacrifice our time, talents and treasure to reach our world for Christ before the trumpet sounds and all opportunity will be ended.

The year 2020 thus far has been a strange year, many frustrations, questions and much uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus. One missionary prayer letter said, "...it has been a game-changer for everyone." Indeed, it has! We have gone from a complete shutdown to a slow re-opening with social distancing and wearing masks. But, in spite of the world-wide pandemic, compliments of an aggressive foreign country, by the good grace and mercy of the Lord, we have endured and missionaries are still on the field preaching the Gospel and winning people to Christ! Our deputation missionaries have reported amazingly that they have still been able to raise support doing virtual presentations in churches, even during the time the churches were shut down. We have discovered even more that God is still on the Throne and is still at work through it all. Our home church, which is 117 years old, had its largest offering ever during the shutdown.

However, it has affected some of our missionaries in drastic ways. The guidelines of certain countries have caused some to be unable to travel to and/or from those places. One military missionary family was in USA for some health matters when it broke out and was not allowed to travel back to his young work, which was just a little over two years old. The country has them shut out at least until March 2021, which will make it difficult for his church to survive. Thank the Lord, this missionary was able to go to another church on the other side of the world to fill-in until his country opens up. Please pray for this family (God knows who). Another military family was just about to go to field and have had their visas delayed now for months. Hopefully, these restrictions will be relaxed soon. Much prayer regarding these matters is appreciated.

Our BIMI candidate school, which was scheduled for June and then re-scheduled for the end of July, has been put off until December because of COVID-19. Many good missionary candidates are scheduled to come and join with our BIMI team to take the Gospel to different parts of the world.

God has been good to Joyce and me as He has kept us well. After several meetings (six in all) were canceled in March and April, we began preaching again in May. Our fall schedule started back the latter part of August and we will have the final meeting of the year the second week of December. We are grateful to these pastors who are still challenging their people to give to missions and encouraging them to be actively involved in their effort to send out missionaries.

Please pray for us as we travel this fall preaching the Word of God and presenting faith promise missions as we represent this great ministry of **Military Missions**. To all of our supporting churches we do express our sincere appreciation and covet your prayers as we continue. We commit to do our best to represent you well as you partner with us. We love you all and remain...

In Christ's Service,

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