For the preaching of the cross...is the power of God 1 Cor. 1:10

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Greetings in the precious name of Jesus to all of the Pastors and the friends of this ministry.

First, I would like to express the fact that we have been deeply moved to be praying for all of the Pastors and dear sweet Christians who have been in reading several of Paul's Epistles that he was praying for churches where he had never been yet had been following the development of the ministries in all of them. I am no Paul but I still see sweet faithful faces in all of the places we have been.

Though we tried several times, we never had any opportunity to set up any kind of a retirement program Of course one reason was that we never planned to retire, and the fact is we are still not retired. But in God's grace he has raised folks like you to help meet the need that has come with increasing age. We all know that with the way inflation has been our dollars are worth a lot less than they were just a short time ago. But because of people like you we know that God is always been up to the task of meeting the needs of his own. We deeply appreciate everything.

This last year has brought many trials our way in the form of physical challenges. I had to have my right eye removed and yet God has provided for that and now my appearance does not even reveal that fact. We are trusting that the cancer that was in that eye will not spread. We have been vigilant in keeping follow up tests to trace that. I had both knees replaced. I am finally having to have some major dental work done and I can't believe the expense involved in that. And of course, a couple of other minor things of small account physically. My dear wife, Bonnie, had a couple of bad falls and one of them caused some vertebrae in her neck to be displaced and pinched some nerves to the extent that it really stirred up a very serious problem of inflammation in her hands and shoulders. Her body in reaction to that inflammation has caused the need for something to counteract it in the form of medication. Balancing that medication and her having to learn to walk again after the fear of falling and the imbalance that came from it has been a serious challenge. I have had to pick up a lot of the load that she carried so faithfully in cooking and caring for the house and cloths. I guess we husbands never appreciate like we should how much our dear wives actually do.

When you add up all of the cost of insurance that we must carry to be sure that we are never bankrupt, the cost of insurance is unbelievable. I'm speaking of PART B OF MEDICARE, SUPPLEMENTAL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, LIFE INSURANCE which is minimal value but still not cheap, AUTO INSURANCE, HOUSE INSURANCE, - all of these things add up to thousands of dollars as I'm sure everyone understands. But paying this detracts from what we would have for other things. Thank God our house (though still in Detroit) is paid for and all we have is the taxes we have to pay. Of course, the cost of utilities as everyone knows has skyrocketed. And then there is gasoline costs and upkeep. I know that God is up to the task, however these are things that we know all of you can PRAY for and some might be able to HELP FINANCIALLY lift our load.

We are continuing a PREACHING, TEACHING, AND WRITING AND SINGING MINISTRY. All of it with a focus on evangelizing. Most of the time I am speaking from a sitting position while my knees get stronger. I have been amazed at how God has been able to use me in that means. Because of the advent of streaming on Facebook we have reached out to thousands that we had never had the opportunity to reach before.

Again, we express our deep appreciation for your prayer and financial support. We are finding that instead of decreasing, our need is increasing, and I'm sure that each one of us are facing the same situation. But we thank you so much for your help in our need since we are so dependent on that. Pray especially that God continues to give HOLY SPIRIT POWER as we carry on with this ministry. In his love and service.

His Love and Service. Dr. Bill & Bonnie Blount

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