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Dear Prayer Partner:

Alexander Hamilton once wrote, "If it should be asked, 'what is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic?' The answer would be, 'an inviolable respect for the Constitution and laws.'"

What we are witnessing right now on some 70 plus college campuses in our country is anything but what Mr. Hamilton was referring to. There is certainly no respect for law and order and little or no respect for our Constitution. We all have some strong opinions about this rioting and lawlessness, but the bottom line is that it should and must be stopped. Or else, it will tear down the moral fiber of our nation. America MUST stand firm with Israel! Our support for the Jewish nation MUST be absolutely IRONCLAD, with no *wavering, wobbling or wandering* from it! (Genesis 12:3). God's people need to desperately pray for the United States of America and our leaders who make decisions in these matters! (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Now, concerning our ministry: Up through the first week of April we saw some \$550,000 (that we know of) committed to missions this year through our faith promise mission conferences. Then, the second week of April, we experienced a sudden change in our schedule. Joyce's only living family member, her younger brother, was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and we had to make a sudden trip to Florida. We found that he was not doing well at all, and Hospice was called in shortly afterwards. Rickey passed away May 10 in his home in Dover, Florida. When he was 11 years old he trusted Jesus to be his Savior under the ministry of Dr. Jack Hudson at the Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is now with Jesus.

We've had to alter somewhat our ministry schedule this spring as we have tried to help him get his house in order. We felt that this may be God's avenue through which he was going to take him Home and it proved to be so. Please pray especially for Joyce during these days of grieving. We will miss him.

We are still asking you to continue in prayer regarding a pastor for the Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa, Japan. Brother Chris Parker has done and is doing a great job as the Interim Pastor, but the church needs a permanent pastor, a young, seasoned man with a heart and a burden to minister to young military personnel and their families. Brother Parker has served in this position now for about 18 months. Thank you for praying.

Also, we ask you to be praying for Brother Ed Navato and his good wife, Elvie, as they have started a new military church in Atsugi, Japan. Here is a brief excerpt from their recent prayer letter:

"We are a new 2024 church plant, ministering to both the US military bases of Atsugi and Zama in Japan and the surrounding communities. Freedom Baptist Church is an independent and fundamental New Testament local church. We use the King James Bible, sing old-fashioned hymns and spiritual songs. Please pray and help us see souls saved, converts Scripturally baptized and Christians living for God. Grow with us!"

This is the 62nd local church started by BIMI military missionaries near a military base. Thank you for continuing in prayer for them and also that God will give us some more young men who will surrender their lives to work with the 2.86 million men and women affiliated with our military serving in different parts of the world.

As we do in each correspondence, Joyce and I want to personally thank all of you who pray for us and for all who consistently support us in this great endeavor. Only Eternity will reveal the final results of this labor of love. We love you all and remain....

In Christ's Service,

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