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Dear Prayer Partner,

Praise the Lord, fall has finally arrived, at least on the calendar (September 22, 8:05 PM). However, we still had 90-degree weather until October 15, which broke a record set in 1954 and was the 39th consecutive day of 90-plus degree weather in North Georgia/Chattanooga area. Then, the blessing came. On October 17 we finally felt like it was *fall* as we reached a high of 63 degrees and lows dropped into the mid to high 40's. There are 4 things that I dislike very much – (1) taxes; (2) interest; (3) TV commercials; (4) hot weather. Amen! Now on a serious note, we understand that God created the seasons and controls the weather. We sometimes complain about it, but God sends what He wants us to have, and we should learn to appreciate it. But I still like autumn best!

Now, on a really serious note. As you know, two years ago. I was diagnosed with Esophageal cancer and went through chemo and radiation treatments in October/November, 2024 and God used the treatments to eradicate the tumor and cancer. All my scans were good and cancer-free until September of this year. I began to have similar symptoms back in July/August time frame of having difficulty in swallowing. I had an Endoscopy (EGD) on September 16, which revealed possibly that the cancer had returned. The procedure was repeated on October 8 and the biopsy of the mass sent to Pathology verified the findings. It was, indeed, malignant. This past Thursday, October 22, my oncologist gave me a diagnosis we were not expecting. The cancer was there but it was not a recurrence of the previous one but was a new cancer which is **incurable**. However, it is *treatable*. I will begin chemotherapy on Monday (Oct 26) and will have these treatments until further notice.

Certainly not what we had hoped to hear, but it is what it is and we know for sure that it didn't take God by surprise. Many years ago, when I was a young preacher I heard Dr. J Harold Smith, a great man of God of yesteryear, make a statement I have never forgotten. He said, "*Has it ever occurred to you that nothing has ever occurred to God?*" That is profound! Things occur to us every day, but God has known all things from the beginning and nothing ever surprises Him. We trust Him completely and know He has it all under His perfect control as Ephesians 1:11 amplifies.

I've said all of this to ask you to pray fervently (James 5:16) for me and, of course, for Joyce. We know that God's got it, but we want to be totally obedient to Him and His perfect will for our lives (Romans 8:28). Thank you so much for praying for us.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of Military Missions and especially pray for more missionaries. We have 3 overseas churches that need pastors right now. Some of our missionaries who have been at it a long time are now getting some age on them and need to be relieved, but there's no one to replace them. Jesus said, "..the labourers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38).

Joyce and I want to thank you for your continued prayers for us and for your faithful support of Military Missions. We need them now more than ever. We love you all and remain…

In Christ's Service,

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