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Pray for America—“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things...” Jer. 33:3

Dear Prayer Partners,

I want to update you on what the Lord is doing in my life and for this ministry.

Blue Ridge Honor Flight: Thanks to all of you who helped make the Blue Ridge Honor Flight a very special event last month. I was honored to participate and fly to Washington, D.C., with other veterans for a full day of tours and conversation. Many of you sent personal notes, and I am very grateful for the kind words. Thank you!

Visit to New Doctor: God is hearing your prayers for all my medical appointments. For twenty years I have had pulsating in my head, and no doctor has been able to find the root cause. This past week I ended up in the office of the head medical director (who is originally from the Philippines) of the Hickory VA Clinic here in North Carolina. Your prayers are being answered to allow me to sow "Seeds" among the doctors, nurses, and staff inside the government facilities. When my appointment came to an end, the doctor asked me what I do at the military bases where I travel. Well, this was an open door because I had my roller bookcase, loaded with our packets, with me.

PLEASE DO NOT SKIP THIS PART OF THE LETTER! Remember, the doctor is from the Philippines. I pulled a packet from the case and began to share the Gospel literature with her. The school picture in her packet was from my only Filipino school in San Diego, Ca. God was moving and setting up the whole conversation with this doctor. She told me that her husband was an engineer here in America, so I reached into the bookcase to get another packet for her husband. God was moving again. I opened the packet and pulled out the Thank You for Our FREEDOM picture from the school, and the doctor just looked at me. The picture was from Margate, Florida. She then tells me that she and her husband lived there for years while he worked as an engineer.

Well, my appointment was over, but now she is going to do the talking. "Sir, you Baptists always tell me that only Baptists can go to Heaven. Is that true?" I'm standing at her office door to leave, and she asks such a question. I hope all my readers know the answer to that question. Only saved, born-again people will go to Heaven, and I believe many Baptists will be surprised when they leave this earth and discover where they will spend eternity. I

look forward to seeing her again and finding out what she did with the Truth that was left in her hand.


Memorial Day Weekend: Please pray for our Memorial Day weekend at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base in Jacksonville, NC. Last week, we dropped off 800 packets for the members of Maranatha Baptist Church to share with customers at the Golden Corral. Last year, Judy and I helped distribute about 800 packets to Marines and Marine families at this same restaurant. This year, we will be at our grandson's high school graduation in Dinuba, CA. There is a Golden Corral there, so please pray that the church in that area will be interested in overseeing the mission work at that restaurant.

Sowing Seeds in Detroit: The following story tells the importance of every opportunity we have to share the Gospel with folks. This story begins at the Golden Corral north of Detroit, where Metro Baptist Church is overseeing the mission work at the restaurant. A faithful laborer handed a Gospel packet to a Christian navy veteran the night of Veterans' Day at the Golden Corral. That navy veteran fell in love with the packet and ordered a case of them to be distributed at the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit. He is a patient there and has the liberty, as a veteran, to share the Gospel message with the veterans.

After I shared the GOOD NEWS John and Romans newspaper with him, he started sharing them in the hospital and is now distributing them to Wayne State University in downtown Detroit. All this started at the Golden Corral with a few laborers from the Metro Baptist Church in Belleville, MI, being faithful to serve the Lord Jesus and be a blessing to our veterans. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Gospel Packets: Last month I had the honor to visit two high schools: Old Suwanee Baptist School in Buford, GA, and the Appling Christian Academy in Baxley, GA. Between the two schools, 1,500 thank you cards and about 3,000 coloring sheets were taken so that the students can help with our mission. The principal in Baxley let the students line up and take the literature as they exited the gym. That has never happened before: Our Gospel literature was available and readily taken to be used in ministry by those present.

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Please pray for more folks to help assemble the packets. Please pray for hand-written Thank You for Our FREEDOM cards. We are now collating packets without the cards. We have sent out hundreds of the cards to schools and churches, and we have not had them returned. If you're reading this, and cards have been sent to your school or church, renew your efforts to fill them out and return them to us. Please do not send blank cards!

Special Prayer Request: I think everybody reading this

letter knows that I have had two strokes. I am still driving and trying to knock on new doors for our Saviour, but I believe my days are numbered. I really need someone I could mentor to take over the mission and help it become more effective for our Lord. Thank you for all the prayers and support for the mission.

In Christ by His Amazing Grace,
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