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Dear Praying Friends in Christ Jesus,

“This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:21-23

ANSWERED PRAYER:

At the writing of my last prayer letter, I had an urgent request for my daughter Debbie who was in critical condition in the ICU in Decatur, Alabama. Our prayers were answered, not exactly in the way we had prayed, but definitely in a **more perfect way**, when she was completely healed and entered into God’s perfect rest a few hours after Father’s Day, and is now with her heavenly Father, and her earthly father whom she loved dearly and missed so much. Before her passing she was able to spend a few weeks at home and we were able to speak with her every day, and she with us. Debbie herself was able to prepare us & comfort us for her departure. We shared Scriptures devotions, songs and tears daily.

So in the midst of such deep grief, we are still able to praise the Lord for a miraculous love & grace never experienced before, and understand fully the meaning of Matthew 5:4, “Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” With God’s grace we have boldly approached His throne and found, as has been promised in Hebrews 4:16, the grace we needed through this difficult journey of grief, and have accepted His overwhelming comfort from the Holy Spirit within, and from God’s people who have embraced us with their loving prayers, beautiful cards and e-mails with such comforting words and Scriptures which will forever be engraved on my heart! I have read and re-read each one where they have been placed in a gift box which was sent me with the words imprinted: **SEEK JOY!** I have re-named it my **COMFORT BOX**. “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds’ feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places. Habakkuk 18-19

Another **ANSWERED PRAYER** was that of our Spring Semester of Hispanic Discipleship. Little did I know that God was preparing me as I taught the semester’s lessons, **“Dealing with Adversities in Very Difficult Times of our Lives”**. I was able to finish the semester before our Debbie was admitted the second time to the hospital. One student in the class, Bernarda, became a caregiver to another dear sister in the Hispanic church so that her husband could return to his job. She was able to minister to her with the same Scriptures she had learned. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:35) Thank you for your prayers for these requests.

FAMILY BLESSINGS:

Since my last prayer letter my 9th,10th,11th,12th,13th and 14th Great Grand children were born! And #15 is due on Christmas Day! One thing for sure, the Rogers Family takes God's command to **"be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth"** very seriously! But my favorite part of that verse are the first words, **"And God blessed them!"** And indeed He has! God knows exactly which joy bells He needs to ring in our hearts when going through seasons of grief! I love what was said in the last chapter of Naomi's grief journey after her grandson Obed was born, **"And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age..."** Ruth 4:15

Although I have only seen 2 of my great grands, I hold them in my heart and prayers and my phone is bursting with pictures and videos that I carry with me all the time!

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:



**"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation;
continuing instant in prayer..."**

Romans 12:12

- Please continue to pray for our national pastors, leaders and teachers here & abroad. It's like we are in heaven on earth compared to some of the trials they are facing, but they are always so joyful & praising the Lord for the many souls that are seeking Truth and true peace and there are souls being added to the church.
- Pray for more laborers for the fields that are already white to harvest! My heart wants to go to the many outreach ministries that are crying for help, and in this season of life I have physical limitations that prevent that, but I have seen answers to so many prayers of us Senior Saints, and young families are being called out! To God be the glory!
- I have a special request for salvation for these young Hispanic adults & teens: Yajaira-25 yrs, Abigail-19, David-16 and Elizabeth-15.

My last personal request is that again God reveal to your hearts how sincerely grateful & humbled I am by your faithful love, prayers & financial support, & for your notes of encouragement. I have especially felt your prayers for strength to "keep in the fight" through some serious times of discouragement.

I continue to teach a ladies Sunday school class, and I am discipling 2 ladies one on one, but with so much more insight and compassion. It is so true that the greater our afflictions, the more we come to depend on our Lord and it is an opportunity for a time of time of spiritual growth. And in the quietness of His strength & consolation, He allows us to see others as He sees them and teaches us to listen and minister to their hearts because of the comfort and counsel we have received in our night seasons. (Psalms 16:7; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Thanking God for you always, with love for you in Christ,

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