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Dear Faithful Supporter,

Thank you so much for your burden to reach the world with the Gospel of Christ. It is a pleasure to labor with Christians that take the Great Commission seriously. We appreciate your faithful support to Chick and Renee Atkins as they have served the Lord through World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. It has been their sincere desire to get back to full time service; however, Chick's health will simply not allow it at this time.

In this communication you should find two additional letters. One will be from Pastor Steadman, and the other from Brother Chick Atkins. After you read these letters if you have any questions please feel free to call.

I want you to know that we support the decision that Brother Chick has made in consultation with his pastor. We will be pleased to continue to handle support for the Atkins. I know that you have been praying for Brother Atkins, and we are counting on your continued prayers for his physical needs.

In His Service,

Danny A. Whetstone
President



September 1, 2006

Dear Supporter of Chick and Renee Atkins:

What a joy it is to write and commend again to you two choice servants of Jesus Christ! It is hard to believe that it has been a decade since Chick and Renee were commissioned to missionary service here at Community for the purpose of furlough replacement. God has used them in a great way, and I believe will continue to use them in the days ahead.

As you read the enclosed letter from Chick and Renee, it will be obvious to you that Chick has been struggling with his health. In the integrity that they have always demonstrated, they are being transparent concerning their situation and future plans. While Chick longs to be well and active in missions work, he is greatly in need of a time of rest and healing.

It has been almost a year since Chick became seriously ill. They have worked hard during that time to address the medical issues and to get back into active ministry. This has been a great burden to them. I have encouraged Chick to take "semi-retirement" in order to relieve the immediate pressure concerning the expectation of being "back in the saddle" immediately.

As the Atkins enter this new phase of their lives, I am sure you are wondering about their financial condition and support. Chick and I have discussed carefully the items below and want you to know where things stand so that you can prayerfully and wisely consider what to do during this time of waiting on the Lord.

- Health Insurance – Praise the Lord that they have coverage which has met most of their medical costs.
- Regular Missions Support – Chick has shared with me that they will be able to meet their ongoing financial obligations if they continue to receive 30-50% of their regular support. That being said, the Atkins' attitude is that whatever God provides will be enough. Perhaps you can continue to support them at the regular level for several more months in order to give Chick opportunity to get well and become full-time again. If after that time healing does not take place, I would recommend your continuing their support in the 30-50% range needed.
- Project Support – Let me encourage you to continue to send funds toward special projects that Chick and Renee hope to be involved in, even during the time of his physical recovery. They will no doubt be sharing those needs with you as they arise.

More important than your financial support is continued prayer for the Atkins, for their health, for their spiritual vitality, and for their ministry to one another (and others) during these days. Our church stands firmly behind them in love and support, and we look forward by faith to seeing God work in the months ahead.

If you have questions concerning these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,

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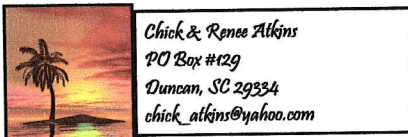
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Prayer Letter

UPDATE ON SURGERY/RECOVERY

Dear Pastor, Co-laborers, and Friends in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has instructed us, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" Hebrews 13:5. Jeremiah was told, in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. What an encouragement to know that these promises apply to us today as well. It is clear that what we face in life does not take our Lord by surprise. It is simply ours to accept the circumstances until the Lord shows us a new path to take.

Now for an update on our lives since the lung cancer operation. As a review the operation was successful and I did not need Radiation or Chemo treatments. The recovery was going quite well until March of 2006. As cautious as we were to stay away from crowds and virus infected areas, I still managed to catch pneumonia. Due to a series of circumstances, I was not able to see my lung doctor for an appointment. After two weeks of fighting pneumonia, I went to our family doctor. He immediately put me on an antibiotic, with the instructions to see him in 1 week. On the return visit a blood test was taken and the white count was high, so another 7 days of antibiotics. During that 7 day period we had to make a trip to Penna., which seemed safe because I was on an antibiotic. I took my last pill on Thursday night and by Sunday my temperature was 102 degrees with chills. The next day we went to a Doctor recommended by Renee's family and he put me in the hospital that afternoon. Under the Doctors care, I was there for two weeks receiving antibiotics, intravenously four times a day. One week was spent in Doylestown Hospital and the next week was spent at Pine Run Rehabilitation Center. After being released we spent one day in Penna., and then headed home to South Carolina. What started out as a 5 day trip, turned into a long 20 day trip.

The Lord has taught me 2 valuable lessons through this last relapse, quit thinking you have to do everything and wait. When we pulled into our driveway after our trip home, our neighbor, Cathy was mowing the lawn. After discussing our past 2 weeks, I told Cathy she didn't have to finish the lawn, that I would do it. She rebuked me kindly but harshly, letting me know that I was in no condition to mow the lawn. The Lord taught me (again) that I not only needed to wait on Him, but I needed to depend on Him entirely. You see folks, I was of the mind set that I needed to do everything, no one could do it the way I could (lesson #1). Well, the Lord had allowed me to go through the relapse to teach me, not only to wait on Him, but also trust Him to get things done through me and not by me (lesson #2). I have also come to realize that at 72 years old the body just does not bounce back as quickly as it did when I was younger. Praise the Lord for putting up with me and for being patient with such an individual as I. I'm confident the Lord will restore my health (breathing capacity, on oxygen 24 hours) in His appointed time if that is according to His will. Until then we will have to continue to wait and trust our Heavenly Father. For this reason we would like to let you know that we will no longer be able to minister as Furlough Replacement/Missionary Relief Missionaries until the Lord sees fit to restore my health for travel, especially outside of the USA. Most areas outside the USA do not have the medical help/facilities that I would need, as we are sure you know. We will remain as active as we can with local ministries in the area and throughout the USA as my health improves. When the time is right and the Lord opens the door we will return to our ministry, both here in the USA and abroad. We will remain as missionaries with WWNTBM. Any communication can still be sent through WWNTBM.

We would ask that you continue to pray for us,
That my healing (Chick) will be quick and complete according to Gods will.
That we will be found faithful wherever He places us.
Continued strength for Renee as she undertakes this new direction and responsibility in life.

We do thank you for your support over the years both prayerfully and financially. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you richly as you continue to serve Him.

Safe and Secure under His Wings,

Chick & Renee Atkins
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