

# The Bell's Prayer Letter 2002

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Dear supporting churches and friends.

Greetings in Jesus name:

John 1:1-5

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men. [5] And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

This passage is one of the summits of Scripture. In fact, it probably reaches the highest of human thought. What is the thought that reaches the height of human concepts? It is this: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is...•the Word of God •the Creator of Life •the Very Being and Essence of Life.

*As with salvation so is letter writing, it all begins with the first step but sometimes that first step is a difficult one. Most of the time our prayer letter is already on the missionary board by now but we have had a little printer problem .But as with most problems in life there are blessings that follow in their wake. Let me thank my son and his dear wife for the canon BJC4300 printer and to Bro .and Sister Ferguson for the HP694 printer which also is being used to help up grade our office system. While we are on the subject of people going the extra mile to help us on our various needs, thanks to the Calvary Baptist Church of Smithfield Va. and the Faith Baptist Church of Columbia N.C. For their gifts towards two new tires on the motor home. Thanks to the wayside Baptist Church of Hillsborough N.C. for their generous gift towards our hospital bills, and to Brother and Sister Pruitt, Brother and Sister Cline.*

*Praise the Lord for the opened doors to serve him and for His touch on the lives of so many and for the precious souls that have been saved. Again we are grateful for the many hundreds of safe miles our Lord has allowed us to travel on this gospel journey .We have been from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia ,Grenada W.I. ( In Mississippi my defibulator knocked me off my feet again while I was preaching, wow, that thing hurts! This was my second defib hit).*

*Mamie and I got back into the states about one AM on July 4<sup>th</sup> and I was admitted to the hospital early Am July 5<sup>th</sup> . A mosquito bit me in Grenada and I came down with dengue fever, this dehydrated my body and caused my heart to get way out of rhythm and my blood pressure to bottom out, after three days in the hospital here in Henderson North Carolina, Praise the Lord I was able to come home with limited activity for a few days. After that we went and helped in a tent revival in the Harlowe North Carolina, this is a mission work out of the Calvary Baptist Church of New Bern North Carolina. We were trying to hold a tent revival, but due to the lighting, rain and wet ground we had to go indoor's, but it's just like our Lord, he provided a wonderful dry place to continue the nine day meeting. I was really blessed by the effort of those who came. (it really rained hard)*

*Many have asked how I am doing ? Praise the Lord, I continue to get stronger as the days go by. I'm like most folks my age that has medical problems ,I have good days and then better ones. I thank him that I can continue to be a part in the spreading of the gospel of Christ. The highlight of my day is when I can preach the gospel of Christ, I'm reminded everyday that it is not the energy, enthusiasm, volume, or dynamics nor any other thing about us that gets the job done, but truly the presence of the blessed Holy Ghost.*

*To those who support us in prayer and finances, THANK YOU. Without you our ministry would not be possible.*

In Christ

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