

# *The Bell's Prayer Letter*

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To our supporting churches and friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

A new year has well gotten on its way and we find ourselves writing our first newsletter for the year 2004. There are many things to praise our Lord for as we look back over our shoulders into the past. The souls that were saved, Christians encouraged, funds raised for missions and strength to just keep going toward the future. We have had a great beginning this year, souls saved and news of others being encouraged it just don't get any better than that. Mamie and I had the privilege of visiting and me preaching at the mission church in Harlow N.C..

It was on the fourteenth of December in the evening service while I was preaching to the fine congregation of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Campobella South Carolina that this old defibulator hit me not once but twice in a matter of minutes, needless to say it took the wind out of my sails. For the first time I had to have help to get to a chair, let me tell you that is one painful as well as frightening experience. Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy in allowing us to continue in the ministry of the Word.

As I write this letter Mamie and I are in Efland North Carolina, we have been snow bound for five days now, it looks like we will be able to move the motor home tomorrow or the next day. Our Lord does all things well.

There are so many things to praise Him for, one of them is for the help He provided us in getting the motor home repaired and refurbished with, new carpet, (reupholstered seats by our daughter Sherrie,) (cabinets by Tar River Custom Cabinets), (double wall hugger recliner purchased with special Christmas gifts) now I have a place to sleep other than in the passenger seat. Calvary Baptist Church of New Bern provided the electrical supplies and Brother Steve Kennedy put in our new electrical outlets and have they ever saved the day during these winter days as we have been snow bound away from the house.

We appreciate the prayers and love gifts from our supporting friends and Churches, only heaven will reveal the blessing that you are to this missionary couple. Many times we fail to express our selves properly but we feel as Paul in this matter when he said, 2 Cor. 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

As We look out of our window at the snow covered ground and enjoy the warmth of our shelter and then turn our eyes toward heaven knowing thru Christ it is our home we are captured by Psalm 100:4

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

In Christian Service

*Brother Russell & Mamie Bell*

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.