

# *The Bell's Prayer Letter*

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To our supporting churches and friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

Just where is a good place to start expressing our gratitude toward so many who have made our life and ministry possible I don't rightly know. Of course it begins with thanking the Lord Jesus for his mercy and grace that is renewed to us ever day. For without him we could do nothing. But God uses people to get his work done on this earth and he has used so many of you to encourage and assist as we work in his vineyard side by side, **thank you.!** We spent part of June and most of July in other states preaching the gospel of Christ. Our family week of W.W.N.T.B.M. (World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions) held on June the 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2005 was hosted by the Valley Baptist Church Of Edinburgh Va. And they did an out standing job, it was a great week with our missionaries. However my heart acted up during the week, but I kept on going. Mamie was in Florida with our son Chad and wife Kristen who had given birth to our second granddaughter Keagan Paige. I finished my work in Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, not feeling well at all.

I appreciate Brother Dale Haywood and Don Anders who are members of the Gateway Baptist Church where pastor David Landers serves, the men drove the motor home back for me to North Carolina. When I got back into Carolina I learned that my heart had been out of rhythm real bad for over 45 days, this put me into the emergency room and then in the bed and house from July 23<sup>rd</sup> through most of September I've canceled all my meetings for this time period. I am to have this defibrillator replaced Sept. 2nd 2005 and just how much down time I'll have from there I just don't know, hopefully not over two weeks. I hope to be back on the road by September 15<sup>th</sup> so that I can make the Maine and Nova Scotia mission trip. Please pray for Mamie and I.

God bless you as we serve Christ together.

In Christian Service

*Brother Russell & Mamie Bell*

## *The Struggle*

*Oh! The struggle within .My human nature desires to sin  
Even though sin brings death and despair .Flesh flings itself on rocks of ruin without a care  
Like a moth to the open flame drawn to its death .This Adamic nature sins with its last breath  
The battle of the youth is the battle of the old .Sins conflict rages on till the body lies cold  
To be saved is the most marvelous thing .To be free from the wages of sin, makes one sing  
To receive a new nature within .Brings a right relation with him  
Even though Jesus is Lord of ones life .Does not end this bitter strife  
But victorious we can surely be .Because of the indwelling Holy Ghost you see  
Yes there is a daily struggle without, within. And this contentious battle here has no end  
We are over comers by the blood of the lamb. And Holy Ghost indwelling is God's plan  
On many lands horrific battles has been fought. Freedoms with the blood and sacrifices of others is bought  
But until the day we go live with him. We will continue these struggles without, within  
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