

## THE BELLS PRAYER LETTER

To our supporting churches and friends,  
Greetings in Jesus' name:

It is a blessing to write you, our co-laborers in Christ, as we minister together in the attempt of evangelizing this very needy world. There are just so many people that must hear the gospel of God's salvation. Sometimes I see the massive task and it just overwhelms me – but then I am reminded its just one at a time. My prayer is, "Lord, help me not overlook that one..." I desire this because sometimes I do overlook that one and it often bothers me greatly. I know the most needful thing in my life is to be refilled with the precious Holy Ghost so that I can be effective. Acts 4:29, "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." Although no one is threatening us, we surely need the fullness of the Holy Ghost to have the boldness that is needed to witness like we should.

These months have been filled with excitement of various kinds. In July we were able to be with pastor J. T. Edwards and the fine folks of New Lighthouse Baptist Church for their homecoming Sunday. Then July 8<sup>th</sup> we went to Bethany Baptist in Deptford, New Jersey and we had a great meeting. But on the last night of the meeting, just as I was being introduced, I was taken very sick and had to take an ambulance ride to the emergency room. After that I had to cancel all our meetings for the month of July. The church was kind enough to send a driver home with us so that Mamie would not be alone in case something happened to me. We were to start a meeting with the Maple Grove Baptist Church of Waynesville, North Carolina on August 6. Mamie and I went up on the 4<sup>th</sup>, (this being our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) early, so that I could rest a day before the meeting but it was just not meant to be. I took sick again and had to go to the emergency room, again, and had to cancel all my meetings for August, again, with the exception of the last 2 Sundays. I want to praise the Lord for the wonderful Pastors that God has allowed me to work with and their sincere concern for our health and ministry. One of the churches I have cancelled two years and another three years in a row because of sickness. They said to me, "Preacher, when you get better call us and we will reschedule." I can't express on paper just what an encouragement this is to Mamie and me. Thank the Lord for understanding brethren.

In the month of September by the grace of God we have been able to keep our schedule from New Bern, North Carolina, Liberty, South Carolina, Wixom, Michigan, Lemont, Illinois, back into North Carolina and thank the Lord, it was without physical breakdown.

There was a rather exciting thing that happened in the parking lot of the Flying J. while en route to Wixom, Michigan. We were set down for the evening, getting ready for bed when the motor home shook as if the earth had moved. Upon investigation, we learned that a truck pulling a long horse trailer had turned too short and hit us – no one was hurt, just startled. Looking the situation over we found our steps scratched but still working and the same with our door and mirrors – just minor things, for which we praise the Lord. We need your prayers even while parked in what should be a safe place.

I wish I could tell you that many got saved this quarter – I can't – but I can tell you of one young man, about ten years old, who trusted the Saviour. All the miles and messages for one young soul, yes I would do it again.

There has been a good number of our Lord's flock encouraged through this quarter and I rejoice with each one. Well, I'll close for now and we thank you with all our hearts for your compassion, care, prayers and support for the Bells.

In Christ,

*Russ and 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.*

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