

THE BELLS PRAYER LETTER

October---November---December 2009

To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

We hope that each of you had a great Thanksgiving day and that you will experience the greatest Christmas ever. It seems like yesterday we mailed out our last letter, that's just how quickly time is moving for us. When I think of the future I think of his coming again, this time to receive his bride, the church (born again folks). And like John of old I cry, even so, come Lord Jesus.

Praise the Lord for his bringing us through the surgery, so far this new pace maker/defibrillator is doing fine. We've been able to keep all our meetings. We have seen a few souls saved this quarter and it seems like a good movement among the Lord's people for which we are grateful. As I write this letter we are finishing our last week of meetings for the year. Just a few minutes ago a pastor called and wanted us to fill in for him two Sundays and one Wednesday night so that he can visit the mission field in December. We are much honored to be asked to do this. I'm sure that December on to the middle of January will be very busy.

To the pastor's let me say if you would like us to come and report to the church we would be happy to do so and if not we'll just keep busy trying to be an encourager as Christ opens the doors.

Again we are reminded of our co-laboring together and because of your sacrifice, folks like us can keep on going down this Gospel trail, Thanks again.

We pray that each of you have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Serving Jesus Joyously

Brother Russell & Mamie Bell



"Silent Night"

In the Austrian village of Hallein on Christmas Eve 1818, the organist, Franz Gruber, composed a hymn called Song of Heaven and played and sang it in church the following night. A man from a nearby town happened to hear the song and, being impressed, memorized the words and music which he later taught to a traveling quartet.

By 1854, the piece had become so famous that a search was made for its unknown composer and Gruber was found. He then learned that his song had been "memorized," sung for 36 years and had become the most beloved Christmas hymn of all time under another name—Silent Night.

At that late date, the fact meant little to Franz Gruber, who was then 67, and he remained an obscure and impoverished organist until his death in 1863.

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