

THE BELLS PRAYER LETTER

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To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

Wow! Can you believe how time is just flying by and things around us are changing. I cry with John of old, even so come Lord Jesus. But with that said these are great days to serve the Lord and there are so many opportunities to be a witness for him.

With every passing day Mamie and I are very grateful for your fellowship in this Barnabas ministry of helps and are daily reminded of just how important you are to its success. From our hearts we say thank you. Your thoughtfulness in prayer and financial support and so many others ways is very humbling. We go to minister and in the midst we get ministered too. We are in our fourteenth year as missionaries and although the travel does wear a little upon these aging bodies, it is truly wonderful to be in our Lord's will. We would like to share our anchor verses for this ministry; these are the words that called us from pastoring a wonderful church to this phase of service in God's army. Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Rev. 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: Genesis 24:27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

I realize that you might not understand just how these verses affected my heart when I read them, and it took two years for me to be able to leave our pastorate of twenty full years, a people that I still love, not as their pastor but as their brother. And I am so thankful that God provided our pastor Dr. Gene Wood to lead us as a church on in the will of God.

These months have truly been busy as we have been in services just about every night and about a third of the day time. But we have seen God do a lot of wonderful things from encouraging the saints to saving the sinners. Now only the Lord can do things like that. Glory!

It has been our good blessing to be a part of the June Jubilee that is held at the Temple Baptist Church in Gulfport Mississippi annually. This year after much labor on the church's part, God blessed with 118 professions of faith in Christ. It was such a blessing to preach with my friend Dr. Noah Frye and Dr. Hooker and as always to work with Dr. Steven Crane the fine pastor.

We received our first gospel tract (mans quest to know God) in the mail that was signed that they had accepted Christ as their savior. I shouted for joy, it is moments like this that is so refreshing. This is my second tract that I've written.

Mamie and I look forward to the day that we can see you face to face, if not here then over there. It is our prayer that you receive something from our prayer letter, we try to report to you the best we know how.

Mamie fell out of the Motor home on some large gravel, when I looked her left leg was caught up under her and I thought her leg was broken, but praise the Lord it was not! It is still bothering her a little but we are praising the Lord it was no worse.

Serving Jesus Joyously.

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