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To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

Since our last newsletter we have preached in eleven (11) meetings from North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia, and Florida. We have traveled over 6000 miles. There were many decisions that were made for the glory of God at the altar and 24 professions of faith in Christ. Mamie and I are very much aware that we could not do what we are doing if it were not for faithful folks like you standing solid with us as we labor together. So once again from our hearts, <u>thank you for your prayers and support</u>. When we mention souls that ask Christ into their hearts, I am reminded that so many others planted and watered and most of all God-<u>1 Corinthians 3:7 "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."</u>

I am doing very well after the surgeries that we mentioned in our last letter; however, there are tears of sorrow that we have shed. It was on the day before Mother's Day that Mamie's older sister, Pasty, went to be with the Lord. Dr.Wingard and myself had the privilege of holding the memorial service in Morehead City North Carolina. To God be praised, hearts were touched with the gospel of Christ. There were eight hands that was raised saying that they were asking Jesus to come into their hearts and save them. Yes, even in times of sadness and a time of tears, mercy from our Saviour is so often shown. Psalm 56:8- "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" Tear bottles, called lachrymatories, were used among the ancients for collecting the tears of mourners. These bottles were then placed in the tombs of the deceased. They were made of glass, pottery, agate, sardonyx, etc. We discern that they were known in the time of David. The application made by David is to his own tears of sorrow of which God had kept an exact record. He varies his prayer in this metaphor on the basis that God had already anticipated his request, and entered an account of every tear in His book. In fact, David realized that all the details of his life were in the foreknowledge of God. **So beloved when your heart breaks, God takes note of your tears.**

Thanks for your prayers, fellowship, love and support. Only heaven will reveal the fruit of your faithfulness. You truly are an encouragement to these old road warriors.

Serving Jesus Joyously.

Bro Russ & 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.