



Bell's News Letter

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Greetings in Jesus name.

To all our supporting churches and dear friends, we are grateful for your care of us.

Again these past three months have flown by with much activity and many opportunities of preaching the precious gospel of Christ. But it has been also a time of weeping for many of God's children, as loved ones have passed on into glory or they have received news of needed surgeries or bouts with unexplained sickness. Job 14:1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble Psalm 30:5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. With all the war and sickness and political unrest, just the uncertainty of life in general it's enough to make one weep. When I think of weeping I remember the Bible tear bottles, called lachrymatories, they 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 from Psalm 56:8 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.

Our travels have carried us from North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, and back into North Carolina. We have the privilege of working with several young churches, as well as the wonderful older ones. Again we witness the faithfulness of Christ in our lives as we travel these dangerous roads.

Praise the Lord for the three (3) who asked the Lord into their hearts, this alone makes the many miles traveled worthwhile.

Just an update on our health, I'm to have the Pacemaker/Defibrillator replaced on the 23rd of September, the Lord willing. This will be my fifth one but praise the Lord it keeps me alive and moving by his marvelous grace. Mamie is doing well, her mammogram came back with good news, the fiber mass was completely gone, and this is a result of many of your prayers. Please pray for the continued insomnia problem.

Psalm 95:1 (KJV)

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Joyfully Serving Jesus

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Romans 1:16 (KJV) 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.