



November-December-January-February -March

2022--2023

To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

We trust that all is well with everyone; times are not easy these days, but praise the Lord, He is so faithful. Since our last letter, I have been in the hospital again (Duke Regional). One of the many things I have learned is that I have slowed down. Soon will be 83 years old, but by the grace of God, Mamie and I are marching on, still trying to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

Mamie and I appreciate the prayer support as well as the financial support over the years. You are the best. If you stopped your support today, you are the greatest, and we mean this.

Babies come into this world with great travail as well as the mother, and when we grow old, there is travail again leaving here and going home and a great deal of trials in between. Here's the purpose of trials.

- Accountability to God (Dan. 5). Greatest of men will have to acknowledge their accountability to Him. Will be made to know that God rules.
- Adversity—Benefits of (2 Chron. 33:9-20). In prosperity, men forget God, but in adversity, they can find no other refuge. Blessed is the affliction that brings one to his knees before the throne.
- Adversity—Testing (Gen. 39). Loyalty to God brings Joseph into serious testing. God's grace enables him to overcome the enemy's assaults. Though the world strips us of our possessions, we need not be stripped of virtue.
- Affliction—Blessing of (John 4:46-54). Blessed are the trials that drive us to the Lord. The sickness of a son blesses a home.

November was a great month; we had one man call on the Lord for salvation. We were able to hold two meetings but had to cancel the third because of hospitalization.

In December, we had to cancel all services but one because of sickness.

In January, I was again unable to do anything but try to get well. I got to preach the last Friday, the 27th, to a grand group of God's people but on the 30th was put back into the hospital, which turned out to be a four day stay.

February is booked up with doctors.

March, praise God, we are booked with two churches in North Carolina. (The Lord willing)

Thank you!

Bro. Russell & Mamie Bell Rom 1:16

Romans 1:16 (KJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.