

To die is gain... Philippians 1:21.  
April 2022.

Dear Praying friends,  
We greet you in the name of our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

Lately, I have been involved in two funerals within the space of two weeks. The thought of gain is not associated with dying. It is more likely to hear of: pains, losses, tragedies and trials; but not profit or gain. This can only be true with believing the Bible concerning the person and the work of Christ. The believing child of God is promised that in keeping the word of Christ that he will never see death- that is he will be an indifferent spectator to death. " God never sees his children dying; but He sees them coming home", for precious in his sight are the departure/ death of his saints. In these days of resurrection blessedness, let us find renewed zeal, in the conclusive words of the great resurrection chapter: 1 Corinthians 15:58 .... Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. May we Pick up the challenge by the quote from Robert Moffat: " we will have eternity to celebrate our victories; but only one short hour before sunset to win them". Let us live purposefully hand in hand with the risen Lord, for me to live is Christ. And dying is the gain of seeing the abiding Christ ( 1 Jn3:2). It is the gain of coming home ( Jn. 14:1-3). and it the gain of celebrating our Victor and his amazing Victories with eternity in view. ( 1 Corinthians 15:51-57).

Brethren, pray for us. We are now limited to fifty people in church instead of ten and this Resurrection Sunday we were able to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord in church after 2 years with great joy and a grateful heart. The obligation to wear a mask in public is still real. No government building, restaurants can be accessed without the vaccination card. Inflation is on the rise and the cost of living has experienced an alarming boost. The politics here is passing laws that are a real threat to future liberties. The press is muzzled; arbitrary arrest is conducted; and the general atmosphere is one of insecurity. Morals are low.

Through all of these, the work of the Lord is going on. Soon we will have a visit from our good friends from Australia. Jean Claude and Gilda who have expressed their desire to spend their holidays ministering in Mauritius. Our Pastoral student, Jeff Surju, at BJU is graduating and is due back in May. Miguel Albert is soon going to be here in respect to church planting in Rodrigues. Moses Ekpah from Nigeria is due to share his burden for Mauritius shortly. We are looking forward to have Luke and Charlotte Crockett on board in terms of church planting. Keep the James Herringson family in prayer as their work permit has not processed yet.

Please continue to pray as we still look for land that will be the site of the Victory Baptist Church. Prices of land has gone up so much since Covid years. But the vision of a church building is still strong.

Our health is as good as can be. We are not as young as we used to be. We are thankful that we can still keep busy in the Lord's work. We get weary in the work but not of the work. We are ever thankful to the Lord in your faithful prayers and support of our ministry. May the Lord continue to bless you with purposeful living for Christ and profitable daily dying and may we we find death to be gain because of the living Christ and Lord.

Your missionaries,

Guy an Marilynne Grenade.