

THE HEATHS' PRAYER LETTER

**JULY—AUGUST—SEPTEMBER
2019**

Greetings Dear Supporters and Friends,

Thank you for your love, faithful prayers, and support. July and August were very difficult months for me physically. At the end of June, I was having discomfort in the upper abdominal area, and on June 30th I decided I'd better get some medical help. In the ER they discovered that a gallstone was blocking the bile duct and the area all around was infected, including the pancreas. I was sent to Greenville, NC, to the Medical College Hospital, and within an hour, I was in surgery. They went down through my throat, removed the stone, and put a stent in the bile duct. I remained in the hospital for five days and was discharged. I remained on strong antibiotics for 20 days. Then on August 28th, I went back for removal of the gallbladder, but due to fatty liver (an independent Baptist preacher's syndrome), they were not able to take out the gallbladder for fear of causing excessive bleeding. They did go back down the throat and remove the stent from the bile duct. They are now treating me with diet, and on October 22nd, I will go to a Gastroenterologist that majors in liver problems for consultation. So PRAY for good results, and complete recovery.

I preached once in August before the surgery and recuperated from surgery in September. October is booked solid, PRAISE THE LORD!!! So we say with the Psalmist, The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him (Psalm 28:7).

The Lord kept Norma well during my time of sickness, for which we are grateful. Our daughter, Andrea, helped us wonderfully after the surgery.

Pray for our meetings coming up. Pray for Bro. John O'Malley, our mission director. He had open-heart surgery and will be recuperating for quite a while. Pray also for one of our founding board members, Bro. Russell Bell. He has just found out that he has cancerous spots on his liver.

**Awaiting the Trumpet and the Shout,
Dalton & Norma Heath**