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Dear friends and precious lifeline holders,

Psalm 25:4-6: Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

We send all of you our greetings and heartfelt gratitude for the blessing you are to this old missionary family.

The above verses were a part of my Bible reading for today, August 12. We thank God that He always has the answer for those who seek it. I notice that the psalmist is not asking for his own way, but speaking to his God, he asks for "thy ways" and "thy paths." So often, we seek God to bless and guide us in our own ways and paths. Lord, help us to surrender to Your ways and Your paths.

God has left not a question for this missionary as to His way and path. While we were blessed to spend time on one way and path for many years, He has us on a detour right now. The instruction is clear, and the path is well known. So, while we linger on this detour and wait on His way, we still have the old weighing on our hearts, and we must be content to follow this path until God reopens the main thoroughfare. Either place this path leads us, it is our prayer that we can travel it with the same contentment and realize that It is as important as the former if God is leading. Please pray with us that we can obtain and sustain the degree of contentment that honors His Name.

Friends, I didn't mean to go off on that trail, but I am just giving you a glimpse in this old heart. My longing is still on the mission field with the folks that we loved and labored with for many years. We still communicate with some of them, think about them, pray for them, and dream about them. If God's path in the future led us that way, it would not take much to be persuaded to follow. In the meantime, He has us on this detour, and there is no doubt that it is our Lord's will to accept this different route of fulfilling His will in caring for my partner in His work. Your patience and faithfulness to us are appreciated more than any words or actions could express. We do not take this for granted. We do pray daily for the precious saints of God that stand as lifeline holders on our behalf and ask God's blessings on your ministries.

We do witness every opportunity that the Lord provides. The task of caretaking limits our activity in church ministries. As you already know, Doris is under the care of Hospice. There are some good days for her and more of the other sort. Overall, it is a downward Alzheimer's path. Our children have been of great help in their personal work and help. We now have someone to bathe her every day except Sundays. The children hired a lady to come five days a week for four hours. This allows me time to take care of shopping and maintaining the home. Due to the decline of Doris' mobility, our travel is very limited. I try to get her out as much as possible so she can enjoy the ride and see the outdoors. She enjoys car rides.

Again, your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated, and we pray God to bless your kindness and prayers. The pandemic has hindered some of the church services and ministries. This should make us realize what a blessing we have in the freedom and liberty to worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray we can soon be back to normal.

Again, we love and appreciate you all for all you do for the glory of our Great God. For all the sweet friends we have and the material blessings, we thank and give God all the glory.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst