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Dear Friends and Lifeline Holders,

We pray you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings.

Once again, we would like to report that the Lord is still sustaining us, and His promises are still true. In this situation, we are so dependent on Him, and any change or fluctuation is quickly noticed.

As the psalmist stated the Lord goes with us through the valley of the shadow of death. He did not say that the Lord led him AROUND the valley. Our Savior's promises are always true.

We are approaching the month of November, where we have the blessed day set aside with the name "Thanksgiving." It is a blessed day, which is usually a day of family and food. We surely should not neglect the title and give thanks to our Lord.

We have much to be thankful for, and it should be told to the Lord throughout the year, not just on one day.

Each morning, Doris and I take time before we have food to thank our Lord for His provisions and ask Him to bless those precious friends and brothers and sisters who have so patiently provide for our needs. We pray for the Lord to bless each church and person that stand with us and ask the Lord to help us be good stewards of His blessings.

We have so many blessings to thank Him for that we could go on all day and still not cover them all. Of course, we deserve none of them. It all comes through the amazing grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The most obvious blessing is that after 84 years of age and 61 years of marriage, we are alive and blessed to still know one another even with a terminal disease invading our life. That same grace gives an old man the grace and strength to be a caretaker for Doris. God has blessed this old man with a good measure of health. Praise His holy Name. The older we get, the more thankful we are for friends and brothers and sisters who love and care about us.

We are thankful that Doris is still able to sit up and to communicate somewhat. Sometimes that communication comes in the form of a blank stare or very short sentences, but it is communication for which we are thankful. We are thankful for the care and the many supplies we are blessed with through the hospice service. Since we cannot attend our church for all the services, some folks are willing to sit with Doris so I can go. One characteristic of Alzheimer's is it manifests itself in different ways on different days. On the good days, we can get Doris in the car, and we both go to church.

We praise God that I was blessed to have a small part in the Missions Conference at our home church, Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Another blessing that has come since our last letter is the promise of our first great-grandchild arriving in February. We have already been informed that it will be a girl. I praise the Lord for that. I now call Glen Grandpa. I pray God will use that little life for His glory.

There are so many precious blessings that you folks provide for us. Neither words nor time allows us to express our gratitude to you for your supply. The best I can do is say, "THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU."

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst