## Servants Helping In the Ministry

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## March-April 2024

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7: 25

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As each day passes, I am so thankful that God has saved me to the uttermost. I take that to mean that no matter how far my sin had taken me and no matter how far away I was from God, He came to where I was and lifted me up out of the miry clay and placed my feet upon the Rock. He went to great lengths to save this old sinner, and I am eternally grateful. But not only has He saved me; He also ever lives to make intercession for me. It is a comforting thought to know that Jesus is praying for me on a regular basis. He loves me so much that He prays for me moment by moment! Oh, and do I need prayer! As we strive to serve God we need His intercession, and we absolutely need your prayers as well. Thank you for praying for us in our endeavors to help missionaries and stateside churches alike.

I want to begin by thanking each of you for praying for my recovery from knee surgery. March was a difficult month, but praise God, I believe I turned the corner on April 1. Both knees are doing very well, and while I now and then experience some soreness, I thank God for His healing power. The worst is behind us, and I have been doing extremely well as far as getting around and getting things done. I do indeed feel like a new man.

The biggest highlight of March was our annual mission's conference at Trinity Baptist Church. We entertained five missionary families. Four of them were new, and one was a dear missionary we already support. Our main speaker was Danny Whetstone, and the messages were timely and powerful. I thank God for the part we had in trying to be a help and an encouragement to these young missionaries.

April was an extremely busy month, but what a blessing it was to get back on the road after being sidelined for so long. The month of April was spent either traveling to supporting churches and reporting to them or participating in meetings with fellow missionaries or supporting pastors. We also managed to spend important time with some of our children and grandchildren, when our travels took us to places near them.

Our month began on April 7, when we visited Victory Chapel Baptist Assembly. There, I had the opportunity to report on our ministry and preach the Word of God. It was a blessing to be with Pastor Fred Wood and his people. It has been many years since we had the privilege of being in this church.

During the week of April 8, we spent the time with our mission family from World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. The entire week was set aside as Family Week and was a time of relaxation, fellowshipping, and preaching. We were refreshed, and we were revived at this annual retreat. We thank God for the opportunity that we had to spend time with not only fellow missionaries, but also dear friends that we had not seen in a while. We were also

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blessed to meet new missionaries and to hear of their fields of service. It was a good week, and one that we needed, to recharge our spiritual batteries.

On April 14, we had the privilege of being in Walterboro, SC. On Sunday morning, we were at Welch Creek Baptist Church. Welch Creek was kicking off their annual camp meeting which we attended from April 15-17. No less than eight of our supporting churches are a vital part of the Welch Creek Baptist Camp Meeting and the Low Country Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. It was good to be with James Baker and the folks from Welch Creek. On Sunday night, April 14, I had the opportunity to preach at Community Baptist Church. Pastor Jonathan Mixson is one of our supporting pastors, and it was a joy to report on our work and preach the Word. The rest of the week, we spent fellowshipping with supporting pastors and coming under the sound of some good old fashioned preaching. We praise God for again encouraging us with the Word of God.

On Saturday, April 20, we had the unusual opportunity to celebrate the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church and Christian Academy in Saipan. As most of you know, we spent twenty years on the mission field on the island of Saipan. On April 20, we attended the first ever "Saipan Reunion." We had about sixty people in attendance. Those that came at one time or another lived in Saipan and were a vital part of the ministry there. They have all since moved to the States. We had folks from all over the nation come to this special event. What a blessing it was to see brothers and sisters in Christ that we had not seen in years. The fellowship was sweet, the testimonies encouraging, and the message from our former pastor, missionary Tom Allred, was so needed and so timely. We are so thankful to have these precious moments and the memories they generate. I want to especially thank our daughter, Priscilla, who was the main organizer of the reunion.

The month ended in Greenwood, SC, where we had the privilege of being at Bethel Bible Baptist Church on Sunday morning, April 28. What a blessing to be with Randy Holloway and his people. Our friendship with the Holloway family dates back to 1989. We appreciate so much their support. On Sunday night, I had the privilege of preaching at Eastside Baptist Church. Please pray for Eastside. They are without a pastor, and you know how much this concerns me. Pray that God would greatly encourage the good folks at Eastside.

By the time you get this letter, we will be on our way to Saipan. We spent the rest of April and early May packing and preparing for this trip. As I have mentioned in past prayer letters, we will be leaving on May 9, in order to relieve missionaries Matthew and Barbara Furan. We look forward to this opportunity to help this dear missionary couple. Please pray that God would greatly use us while in Saipan. We want our time there to be profitable and productive. Pray that we will be an encouragement to the folks at Calvary Baptist Church and that we will indeed be a help to the Furans. We will be returning to the States at the end of July.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and your support. We are acutely aware that without you, we would not be able to be a blessing and help to others. Thank you so much! God bless you in the days

ahead, and we pray that you will remain faithful to Him, Who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Sincerely In Christ,

Scott and Marilee Norman



Pastor Fred Wood and me



Pastor Randy Holloway and me



Group photo of many who attended the Saiapan Reunion



Missionary Tom Allred giving devotion at the Reunion



Missionary Tom Allred giving devotion at the Reunion



Missionary to Japan, Michael Riffle and me. We might be relieving the Riffles in two or three years. Please pray.



Pastor James Baker and me