

July — September 2019

Dear Praying friends,

When it comes to missions, you matter. You matter to the Lord. You matter to the lost. You matter to missionaries, especially the O'Malley family.

**Your prayers matter:**

This summer, God brought us, sustained us, and carried us by your prayers. We assisted churches with their giving, trained missionaries, and campers, and preached the Gospel to the lost. You prayed, and several young people decided to follow Christ. You prayed for me to be effective in the pulpit, helpful as I taught, and mindful as I worked with missionaries. God answered. I spoke in a school camp. Each day I preached to the young people about the primary relationships in their life. God worked when you prayed. Your prayers mattered to hundreds of people where I spoke this summer.



**Your giving matters:**

This summer, we held our annual Family Fellowship week. It is a week where missionaries find the strength to serve, wisdom to minister, and encouragement from fellowship. Your giving mattered; God opened the door for Kim and me to honor Milton Williams, an 84-year-old Grenadian pastor who worked with me 34 years ago. We flew to Grenada and had

our hearts filled as believers honored the man who taught me so much. Thank you for those who helped us.

## Your interest matters:

Christ told his disciples to position their eyes to see the harvest and to place their eyes on the harvest. (John 4) Because you see the harvest as you do, on your behalf, we help missionaries get to the field; we assist churches in reaching the lost in their community and the world, we help students clarify God's calling to work in missions. Your interest keeps us encouraged to do the work God called us to do.

## Your faith matters:

Your faith believes God can and will send laborers, save the lost, and strengthen churches. We believe God with you to get the Gospel to the lost. Your faith matters to the O'Malleys and those we serve.

## Will you pray for my surgery?

On September 19, following a routine doctor's visit from a calcium heart scan, my physician referred me to a **cardiologist** who **scheduled me for open heart surgery on September 25**. The tests revealed I have three blockages in three main arteries. One artery is 100% blocked. Two arteries are 95% blocked.

The surgeon believes the open-heart procedure is the only complete way to address my blockages. He stated the surgery has a 98-99% success rate. He believes I will return better than ever with an added 20-30 years of life. (I like this part.) My fitness routine and weight-loss helped prepare me for this moment to be healthier than I was three years and over 130 lbs ago.

The surgery will be done at CaroMont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, North Carolina, on September 25. Please call World Wide for updates on my health. Our son and staff will update our social media outlets.

While an understatement, this news impacts our life and ministry. The surgeon told us I cannot travel for the rest of the year. I will have a ten-week recovery.

I am in the process of canceling fifteen mission conferences, several special meetings, and dozens of appointments for the rest of the year. I hope you will be patient as it is necessary to take a medical furlough. The Lord willing, I will be back to full-time ministry by 1/1/20.

I was asked to share how this impacts our financial life.

1. We use a Christian-need sharing health plan. They should begin to cover bills as time goes on. They have stipulations, pre-qualifications, and regulations we have to meet. The surgery's minimum is approximately \$180,000.00. Our health sharing system will pay up to \$1,000,000. of qualifying expenses. We are responsible for \$3,500.00 plus the amount they do not agree to pay.
2. On a great month, we receive 75% of our needed monthly financial support. My love offerings and Kim's hourly wages meet our normal living needs. The loss of 25% of our income, for at least the next three months, is significant. *The first day we had to pay cash, upfront, of \$7,500.00 to get the first procedure done to begin to find out how many blockages existed.*

As I wrote above, in missions, your prayers matter, your giving matters, you interest matters, and your faith matters.

Please pray for God to show Himself strong on our behalf. Thank you for helping us serve in His harvest.

In Christ,



John and Kim O'Malley

**Our mission agency's CPA advised my church to handle benevolence gifts on our behalf. If a gift were made on our behalf, it may be designated "John O'Malley Benevolence" and sent to:**

**Faith Baptist Church  
2738 S. Post Rd.  
Shelby, NC 28152**

**Regular support may still be sent through WWNTBM.**