

Our dear friends, supporters, and prayer partners:

There is no doubt the God who sees sparrows fall and clothes the fields with flowers saw us through this year. When the year began, I made plans to speak in fifty-five meetings, hold multiple missionary interviews, and visit and train missionaries. The plans I made were in His will and His time. Yet, I learned, more than theory, God allows us to plan and will adjust those plans as He sees fit.

When I last wrote you, I learned I had three heart blockages and needed Cardiac Artery Bypass Surgery on the pump. The surgery was a success. The recovery from this surgery is twelve weeks. There is also a twelve-week cardiac rehabilitation. On the fourth day after surgery, the surgeon released me to go home. One month later, the surgeon and cardiologist cleared me for rehabilitation. However, the rehab program was full. Yet, many prayed, and God made an opening in the program. Five weeks after surgery, I began cardiac rehabilitation. There is no doubt God works in active ministry, surgery, and recovery.

This experience taught me when you pray, God hears and answers. We learned this as the recovery began in October. We sensed your prayers and felt your prayers sustain us. We prayed, and when we had no strength to pray, you prayed. God heard. God answered.

We wondered, would our Health Sharing plan work? How would we pay for all the medications? How would we be able to afford all the new-found extras? Yet, God worked. Many supporting churches sent gifts or took special offerings. One church increased their support for the three months we were in recovery. The Lord reminded us, He sees us and will make a way for us.

The days ahead, according to His will, and with the doctor's release, I will complete rehabilitation the first week of February. I will resume my speaking schedule the last Sunday in January at my home church. In February, I have a restricted travel schedule and will speak on the weekends.

I am grateful to the leadership, missionaries, and staff at World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions, who made accommodations for Kim and me during this season of healing.

At Thanksgiving, those who gathered around our table asked for what I was thankful. I answered, "Life!" At Christmas, my answer is the same. God spared my life for His purpose. I am grateful and look forward to seeing what He will do next.

Thank you for your prayer, patience, and support. I look forward to being well and returning to active ministry.

For the Lord,

John and Kim O'Malley

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