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MISSIONARY EMERITUS

*"Striving Together For The Faith Of The Gospel"
(Philippians 1:27)*

February 6, 2023 Ministry Update

A TIME TO SLOW DOWN BUT STILL SERVING!

Dear Pastors, Friends and Family,

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6).

It's hard to believe that we are now in the second month of a new year! Although we have slowed down we are grateful for the opportunity of serving here at Yellowstone Baptist Church where our son, Mark, is the pastor. I am teaching during our Wednesday Bible study and also teaching our adult Sunday Bible Class. We would rather burn out than rust out and we praise the Lord for the strength He gives us each day (Psalm 68:19)!

He has sustained and blessed us during 46 years of ministry and has used each of you to further His kingdom through your faithful prayer and financial support for many years. Again, only eternity will reveal your investment in our ministry. *"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account"* (Philippians 4:17).

As we are no longer serving as missionaries, please discontinue sending any support. Thank you!

We want to thank each of you who continued to support us through the end of the year, for the extra Christmas love offerings and for those who continued to send support for January. Words cannot express our appreciation for your kindness and love shown in helping us through this transition!

Please continue to pray for our health. I spent five hours at the VA Hospital last Monday. Same symptoms as before, asthma exacerbation. They gave me steroids through an I.V., did a chest x-ray, E.K.G., ultra sound on my legs and found I had a couple of blood clots again in my left leg, which means I'll be on blood thinner the rest of my life.

I didn't want to hear that! Also did a Cat scan (couldn't find a dog) to see if the blood clots were in my heart, PTL for the negative report! Other than that I had a pretty easy day but didn't get my senior nap! But then, getting old is not for sissies! Please pray the meds will do their job! Oh yeah, my blood sugars are down below pre-diabetic level - PTL! If you are ever passing through Wyoming, please stop by for a cuppa tea and biscuit! We love and appreciate each of you! Keep on keeping on - Jesus is coming soon!

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with us with your faithful prayer and financial support for the past
16 years!

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