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I wish we could give you more exciting news, but seems like our <u>declining health</u> has taken our time (and finances). But we can rejoice in the Lord that we are able to give you this report! **We are still alive!** In October, it will be one year since I was diagnosed with cancer. At that time one doctor gave me one year to live, possibly two, with treatments. (Only 6 months, without treatments). So, by his estimation, I have only one year left to live. I'm sure he realizes that my life, however long or short, is in the hands of God, not his. My comments on this is: <u>May I live each minute of every day in the presence of the Lord and may my life show forth the radiance of Jesus Christ my Savior.</u> As Dr. Bill Hays said: "I'm not dying with cancer, I'm living with cancer"! And as Dr. Curtis Hutson sang: "I'm on the winning side"!

<u>Some exciting news</u>, even in our health issues! I was approved by a group, recommended by my cancer doctor, for further treatments to be done in his office building in Monroe (our home town) instead of the hospital in Athens (40 minutes away). Plus, <u>my treatments will be free of charge through the remainder of this year</u>. **Praise the Lord!**

Please note: Soon we will stop using our land line phone. We will use <u>only</u> the number listed in the heading of this letter: (770/823-9283). If you still have 770/267-6384, it will no longer be used.

My dear wife Charlotte continues taking chemo pills daily. She suffers with a numb and swollen face and inside her mouth, possibly a reaction to the radiation she had several months ago on her head. She feels very weak most of the time but has some good days. I enjoy taking her out to eat when she feels up to it. Our daughter Laura helps us both in our needs (we live with her). She gets off work several time a month to drive us to the hospital or doctors appointments.

<u>More good news</u>: We are **Great Grand Parents** again for the third time! Our grandson Seth & Linda have given us "Lincoln", who is now three weeks old at this writing. We welcome <u>Lincoln Oakley</u> into our family! Our oldest daughter Rena and her husband George are now proud Grandparents!

To all of our faithful prayer partners and financial supporters we wish to express again our **sincere gratitude** for your part in helping us, your missionaries, even though we are not able to do "ministry" as we once did, you are faithful and we do not take it for granted. Thank you. And may our Lord be praised!

Gratefully yours - Drs. Phillip & Charlotte Allen
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