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50 Years as Missionaries: <u>January – 1969 - 2019</u>

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Happy New Year! JANUARY & FEBRUARY - 2019

50th Year as Missionaries and counting:

When I started this letter I realized it would need to contain less information. So of necessity I will be brief. 50 years spans along a lifetime and goes quicker than one thinks! Yes, we have now been serving the Lord as missionaries for 50 years! Several have suggested I write a book of our experiences.

Before I go any further, let us "thank you" to all those who gave "extra" offerings in November and December for us to have a wonderful Christmas. And many also wishing me (Phillip) a "happy 79th birthday"! Since I was born only two days after Christmas, usually both events are celebrated in one party, but this year it was two separate meals enjoyed with family & close friends. It was wonderful!

<u>Health</u>: <u>Charlotte</u> continues taking 4 chemo pills per day. She will see her cancer doctor on January 3, 2019 and get the results of a recent CT-Scan. She continues walking with a cane for support.

<u>Me</u>: I will also see our cancer doctor on the 3rd along with Charlotte. I too will get the results of a CT-Scan. My harsh reactions to the Ketruda treatments for lung cancer caused my doctor to cancel my treatment scheduled for 3 weeks ago. If all goes as planned, my next treatment will be on January 8th.

Well, this journey started during my last year of Bible College in Atlanta. We attended a preachers Jubilee at nearby Glen Haven Baptist Church. God spoke to my heart for missions. We finished Bible School & began full time deputation. While waiting on our visas, we lived with my parents in Loganville, GA. where I started two Bible study groups in the homes of local residents. Soon our visas were approved and the folks in our Bible study wanted to start a church. A Preacher was contacted. We took him to downtown Loganville and a store front was rented where the **Landmark Baptist Church** was started. They took us on as their first missionaries and still support us today. This was my introduction to church planting. Through the years we have helped in starting some 11 churches, with the help of other missionaries. After all we are co-laborers together with God. **To God be the glory!**

As I said, space is short and will not permit the whole story. Trying to cover 50 years in two or three short paragraphs just isn't possible, so please accept our sincere gratitude and let's keep going until Jesus comes or calls us home. (Looking forward to a great year – 2019)!

Sincerely yours - Drs. Phillip & Charlotte Allen
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