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Happy new year, new decade, new age:

For some of you this will be the first time you hear this news: My wonderful wife of 60+ years, **Dr. Charlotte Daniel Allen, entered heaven** the early morning of 12/19/2019, after her long battle with leukemia. She is at rest in the presence of our Lord & Savior!

<u>Thank you</u> for Christmas gifts, benevolence gifts, birthday gifts (my 80th), and all well wishes, cards, phone calls; your expressions of condolences & prayers mean so much at this time. <u>Two ER trips and two admittances to the hospital</u> for both my wife and I, once at the same time. I had a small **heart attach** and am being treated with medications. <u>I am now on oxygen as needed</u>, which is much of the time. Surgery to drain my lung was postponed until a later date due to our crisis. A stress test was canceled due to too much stress! <u>Charlotte was well cared for at Abbey Hospice in her home town of Social Circle for some 14 days.</u>

Our Pastor led in the funeral service and Dr. Robert Smith with our Mission (MWBM) also spoke. Charlotte was laid to rest at Rest Haven Cemetery in downtown Monroe. (We will see her again)! My last words to her was: "I love you, I'll see you in the morning, good night."

My Pastor Derik Lawrence and home church have been a special blessing to my family during these crisis days & weeks. I preached my first sermon of 2020 in my home church at age 80. Thanks Pastor!

January always brings another year to Celebrate, now <u>51+ years as a missionary</u>. I am so grateful to God for allowing me to serve Him for this long. And thankful for many of you who have been with me all along this journey! <u>Thanks so much</u>.

January 30th will bring our son <u>James & family from Brazil for their furlough</u>. Their daughter Priscilla will graduate from <u>Pensacola Christian College</u> in May and then in August she will get married, so this will be a special time of furlough for them.

I am making plans to travel with James and family to a missions conference in Chesapeake, VA in March. Then possibly another one in April to Rochester, PA. Thanks for your prayers for my health.

Gratefully yours - Dr. Phillip Allen
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