

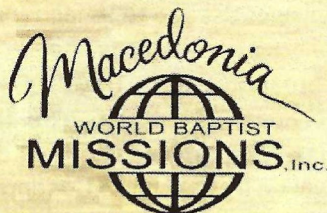


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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

As you know from our last prayer letter, we were on our way in to the US to visit with my Mom and Dad when we received word that Mom had passed. Her health had already been declining, that was why we wanted to go in for a visit. The Lord worked it out that we were able to get there for the visitation, participate in the funeral, and then just be there with Dad for a few weeks.

Mom's last days were difficult for Dad and for those caring for her. When we look back at her last days, weeks, and even months, with the idea in mind that we as redeemed humans are triune beings, body, soul, and spirit. We see the spirit, of course, being the Holy Spirit dwelling in us from the point of salvation. The soul being that very part that is us. Our heart, mind, and thoughts - the thing that makes us, us. The soul and body being created together at conception. The body, the physical us that people see and know, ever changing, growing, and ageing. The Spirit speaks to the soul, and the soul uses the body's brain to control it and communicate. Mom's brain had been shutting down, losing function for some time. Those last



days just enough brain function to keep the body alive, but not enough for the soul to communicate. The soul was trapped inside while the corruptible body fought for life till that final breath. At that moment what sweet release the soul must have had, to be liberated from that earthly prison and to be home, free at last with the Saviour. Fanny Crosby wrote, "When with rapture I behold Him,

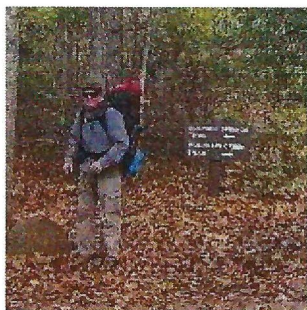
Jesus Christ Who died for me".

The 21st of October we were able to move Dad to his house at Sand Mountain Bible Camp. It is a two-story house with both floors being their own complete house. Daniel and Melissa Edgy (my niece) are living upstairs, they will be dad's main caregivers as long as they are able.

One of my sisters and a brother currently live nearby. Our daughter Kayla and her family are close, as well as Mom's family, and several friends that have volunteered to help with food and visits. We are so thankful for the love that is being shown toward Dad in these days.

On the ministry side leading up till the time we left for the US, I had been teaching classes. Two of our men were studying passages of Scripture that they would be preaching or teaching in services while we

were gone. They have done well and have been teaching strongly, the need for salvation by faith and not by works. Another class that we were teaching was with one of the ladies, trying to help her learn to read. After five weeks of two, one hour classes each week, she could recognize A, B, C, D, but had trouble still with E. Robin was helping another lady



with Sunday school classes for the children, going over lessons that she would be teaching. We are so thankful that there are some that have almost grown enough spiritually that they can help in the church.

In October, two villages deeded to us land for churches. Bro. Humer has moved and will be preaching at both of these places. Ahuasluhpia is his home village and Kuri is a two or three hour walk from his house. In the village of Auka, where Humer had been, Bro. Andy will be traveling there each week holding services. That is a 4 hour motorcycle ride from his church in Puerto Lempira. We are thankful that these men have such a burden for the people in these villages that they are willing to make this effort to get them the Gospel.

As I write this, I will be flying back to Honduras tomorrow the 31st of October. This will be the trip that we had mentioned before, where I will be visiting Bro. Nichin and his family at our church up river in Pansana. From Pansana, Nichin and I will be hiking cross-country to a road on the other side of the mountains, searching for a trail or path that would be accessible by 4-wheeler or maybe even the jeep. Also, there are several cattle ranches in that area that have been asking for Bibles. We hope to be able to carry at least 10 Bibles to be given out on the trip. The idea is to stop and hold a service at the different places, giving them the Gospel. My pack with my clothes, hammock, food, and cooking supplies for two people, currently weighs 50 lbs. That is before putting Bibles in. I am hoping to be able to split the load, add the Bibles and only be around 40 lbs. The hiking part will be around 30–35 miles. I have been doing some practice hikes this week trying to prepare a little bit. The plan is for the hiking part of the trip to be November 6-11. We sure do appreciate you praying for us during these days.

Robin plans to fly back to Honduras the 14th of November, and will be in La Ceiba till she gets word that I have made it out to our house. I hope to be in contact with her each day by Satellite phone giving her updates on our progress. Those of you that get our "Trask Praymail" updates will have been able to get those updates from her.

We are also thankful for the \$3,300 that has been given for Bro. Clayton's knee surgery. We are looking at the possibility of paying the Hospital as much as possible on our credit card so he can get the surgery and maybe be home for Christmas.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we have been and will be traveling. Only eternity will tell the affect that prayer has had in our lives.

In His Service

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