Have a Blessed New Year!

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Dear Praying Friends,   January 1, 2018

This Christmas was most enjoyable with a Christmas-birthday party on the 23rd given in our home by our Sunday School Bible class. As we gathered in our front room it was an extra treat to hear the Handel's Messiah as we enjoyed the food and fellowship together! On Wednesday our son, Chuck, came from Georgia to spend the better part of 4 days with us. We had a wonderful time in fellowship, fishing and fun.

One of the enjoyable experiences that we had this year while on our trip to Indiana was that a lady, Susan Moore, introduced herself to me after the service in one of the churches where I preached. She later wrote a note to us as follows: "It was so good to see you both when you came to Burge Terrace on September 24th. John and I joined that church almost 11 years ago, and we didn't know that they supported your work while you were in Mexico. What a wonderful surprise to look over and see you sitting there by the Pastor. God brought you there to preach on my 77th birthday! (I was born the first time on September 24, 1940, and born again on January 20, 1956, just before you left the first time for the mission field.) And to top it off, Dotty came and sat right beside me— *right beside me,* and I couldn't stop smiling. Our church didn't know the connection, but the Lord certainly did! Just look at His timing! Isn't He wonderful?"

She wrote her following testimony in the booklet, *Look at God's Word in Today's World*: "In 1956, I was a shy teenager on the road to hell. I began to attend a Friday-night Bible study for teens taught by George Joslin, a man in his sixties. That particular Friday night a missionary, Pastor Myron Philippi, was invited to speak to the group. He explained that God is a holy God and we are all sinners, and lost sinners cannot go to heaven. I also learned how "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What mercy and grace! Once I truly saw this One in my mind's eye, nothing mattered except getting right with God. I submitted myself to Jesus Christ, repented of my sin and asked for His forgiveness. That evening the Lord Jesus Christ came into my life and turned everything around." We praise the Lord with her!

Recently I was asked the question, "How many people had come to salvation through our ministry of 63 years?" My answer was simple, "There is no way that I could ever keep the record, but only eternity will reveal the true facts. I love how the Apostle Paul responded to a similar situation in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, "I have planted, Apollos watered; **but God gave the increase**. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; **but God that giveth the increase**." Dotty, and I have only been the vehicles that God has used, but you who have prayed for us and supported us so faithfully, which is the powerful engine behind what has been accomplished for Him. You will be rewarded for a great part as God has used you to back us up. Thank you so very much!

We are happy to report that Dotty's hip replacement was a complete success, for which we thank the Lord. She walks perfectly without any assistance and no pain. We are also grateful to the Lord for how He has given healing to her mind. For the major part the confusion caused by the medication has subsided, for which we are grateful. Again we thank you for your prayers.

Chris, the banker, called me in November to ask me if we could continue our Bible study class together since he has been transferred in his work back to Palm Harbor. Please pray for his salvation. As we enter this New Year we pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will make it possible for you to lead some lost soul to Him. May you have a Christ-centered New Year as you seek to live for Him and to serve Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Myron & Dotty

Pastor Myron and Dotty Philippi