

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers at this special time in our ministry. On January 18, experiencing sub-zero weather, I arrived in Alaska for two weeks of meetings in three different churches. I first preached in North Pole, Alaska and then on to Fairbanks, where I preached a series on evangelism at the Hamilton Acres Baptist Church. Even though the temperature outside was at times -45° and -50°, I found the hearts of these wonderful people as warm as can be. After church that first Sunday, I discovered children filling Styrofoam glasses with hot water, which they then took outside and threw into the air. To my amazement the hot water would turn into steam and not a drop would fall to the ground. Yes, you can imagine what I did! I joined in for my own amusement! The next weekend I preached at Maranatha Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. God blessed during my Alaskan trip with many important decisions and promises made to the Lord to have Bible studies in the homes of unsaved people using the book, *Becoming a Christian*.

Two days before leaving for Alaska, my 100-year-old aunt fell, fracturing the femur head of her left hip, making it necessary to operate. Naturally, each day Dotty was caring for her in the hospital and then in a rehabilitation center. After I arrived home from Alaska in February we were faced with many challenges that the Lord helped us through. Aunt Leeta's health has declined and it is now necessary for her to be transferred from assisted living to a long-term care center.

On the evening of February 22, we received a phone call from Pastor Miguel Camacho telling us that his wife's condition was grave. We purchased tickets immediately and left the next day for Guadalajara. We arrived there just before midnight on February 23, and went straight to visit Clement. She was expecting us and in spite of being in excruciating pain she expressed her love, joy and appreciation for our being there. Within 24 hours she went to be with the Lord. This was a wonderful "graduation day" for Clement, but a very difficult time for all of us. I preached on two different occasions during the Wake. On Saturday I preached for the funeral service with approximately 550 in attendance. At least 120 of those attending were relatives and friends who had never seen a Christian funeral nor had heard a clear Gospel message. On Sunday, God gave me His grace and strength to preach three times. Also, it was my joy to teach the regular Monday night men's class with 45 men present for two hours. The ladies expressed their desire to have a Monday evening meeting with Dotty. She taught a vital seminar on the "Love of God" to 56 women. I preached again on Wednesday night with many making important meaningful decisions. God richly blessed our time in Guadalajara. Pray for Pastor Miguel and his 8-year-old son, Adrian. It is difficult for both of them at this time, but Pastor Miguel is strong in the Lord!

We arrived back in St. Petersburg, Florida on Thursday evening with just enough time to do a laundry and get three hours of sleep before I flew to Puerto Rico. I was invited to hold a special missionary conference at the Puerto Rico Baptist College founded by Dr. Mike Casillas. Besides preaching 7 times at the Bible College they had arranged for me to preach in 6 different local churches and twice in a Christian high school. On Saturday morning I had the opportunity to preach to a group of pastors. In each of those meetings God used the messages to motivate the students and the church members to serve the Lord with greater dedication and sincerity. There were many decisions to dedicate their lives to the Lord and also to serve Him more faithfully. During this trip I was able to introduce the book, *Becoming a Christian*, to many there in Puerto Rico. More than 560 books were ordered and have now been sent to the churches and schools requesting them.

Recently, I received a letter from someone asking me if I had opportunities to continue my missionary work since returning to the United States. The answer is obvious, for the Lord has given me many open doors to preach. Between January 18 and March 15 of this year I have preached a total of 35 times. Besides this Dotty and I are teaching home Bible studies in this area. I share this because we are very aware of our need for your continued prayers on our behalf. At times I feel weary, but always refreshed by God's Word. In April I look forward to preaching in a missionary conference at Missouri Avenue Baptist Church in Clearwater, Florida.

We are grateful for your faithful support and continued prayers on our behalf. May God richly bless you!

Sincerely yours in His Service,

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