



THE BELLS PRAYER & PRAISE LETTER

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To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

*Can you believe it; we are already into the first quarter of 2012. Yes there is excitement in our hearts as we anticipate the coming months of service for our Lord, of course all this is conditional for he could call us home at any moment and then all our labors will be over. 2011 has been like water rushing under the bridge fading deeper into the past with every rushing moment of 2012 towards eternity, so like Paul of the Bible we should forget the things of yesterday and reach for the things that rush to us from the future. This does not mean that we are forbidden to remember past blessings but it does mean that we are not to dwell or live in the yesterday, for it is gone forever so don't reach back but reach forward, for like a locomotive on full throttle the future rushes towards us and we are admonished to redeem the time. **Ephesians 5:16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

We have had a very interesting beginning of 2012. Normally the last of December and the first of January is set aside for doctor checkups. Well this year is no different however the results are different. I had a chemical stress test that revealed I've lost 10% more of the ejecting power of my heart it is now around 35%. The doctor has put a new pacemaker / defibrillator with a new lead in my chest and as I write this letter I'm recuperating from the surgery. It seems to be a little more difficult to cope with this time; I think the big word is time for it leaves a heavy print upon us each day. I realize I'm not the man I used to be and I can't do what I've done before but by the grace of God and prayers of so many people I'll do all that I can. It's a wonderful life to serve our Savior and by the grace of God we press on. Mamie is so supportive and encouraging to this preacher, please pray for her as she will have to double the driving in the months to come and all the other things that are involved in our staying in the field of his choice for us. We are praying that this new lead in my heart will regain some of the ejection power and stop the deteriorating of it as well. One of the problems I'm dealing with is the swelling of my hands and feet, just can't seem to get rid of the fluid like I need to. I have several very early stage melanomas; one on my right ear and also on the left side of my neck that must be removed in the month of April, the Lord willing. Our Lord has been so gracious to us in allowing us to keep a pretty full schedule over these 15 years on the road; we just want to praise him with all our hearts. Looking forward to a very fruitful year, the Lord willing.

Thanks for your prayers, fellowship, love and support, only heaven will reveal the fruit of your faithfulness.

Serving Jesus Joyously.

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