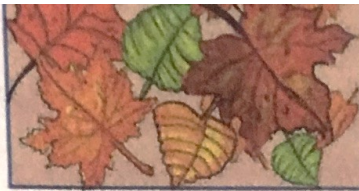


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Isaiah 40:31

Our dearly Beloved...

Who knows...this might be the last letter I write to you this year of 2018 but wanted to send loving greetings to you who have stood behind us for so long...Maybe by the time you get this letter both Paul and I will be the same ripe ole age of 78! But I just wanted to remind you all again what this month of October holds for us...Find your looking glass that makes print look bigger and please read our news!

We will be attending a grand nephew's wedding in MI. and so we will spend time with both of Paul's sisters before heading back home. Then at the end of October Paul will be making a long trip into Canada where he has been invited to speak in La Crete, Canada. We never heard of such a place until Paul got the call of invitation to speak there...He is going alone as they are paying his way there...{

There are 5 birthdays in October for Paul's family! So its quite a month! It is also a month of remembrance of what God did for the Dye family way back in 1985 on early October, in the country of Colombia when Paul and 3 other missionaries were taken hostage in the jungles of Colombia. These 4 were the first of many who were kidnapped by communist guerrillas in that area and in the country of Panama a few years later...Paul escaped first, then 23 days later the other 3 were released!

Paul continues to share his story of redeeming grace! Tho this year marks 33 years since it all happened to us...it is still very clear in our minds as to what God did and allowed and brought about for our missionaries that year so long ago! Two missionary families still have both parents. Three families in Panama lost their husbands and father of their children. Another was left a widow because guerrillas in the Philippines killed her husband and wounded her. We never cease to thank God for His mercies to us, who are so undeserving. Several other families in our Mission suffered kidnappings of their loved ones and never got them back. I cannot figure out all of that but someday in Glory we shall all be together. I try to never forget how very blessed I am to have my husband back... and forever grateful!

Tho we are retired, we have never felt that word was biblical so we continue on trying to reach out to those around us with the Word of God. Just recently a neighbor needed our help and we helped her for about 3 weeks, visiting different doctors and going to get her meds. Paul was teaching her from Genesis, showing how that sin has to be dealt with and he feels that at one point she understood and believed God's plan of forgiveness and redemption. She became very ill, we took her to her dr. and he sent us to the big hospital where they wouldn't send her right back home as others around the area do. They took her vitals, gave her a bed in the ER and Dr. finally arrived and stated, that tho she know this woman is living alone and needs care, her vitals were good, even better then the rest of the patients there in ER and they had no reason at all to keep her. Our friend really wanted IV's to make her feel better, they sent her home and by that time it was after 1 am in the early morning. We were all so hungry that we had to go to McDonalds to get nourishment. So our friend chewed on the last food she would eat on this earth and enjoyed the french fries and cold coffee :(. Paul had told her we wouldn't see her Sunday as we go to the prison in the early morning. So Paul put her to bed and prayed with her as she requested and said good nite...The next afternoon, Paul went back that afternoon, 2 sheriff cars and other people there. He went in and learned that the priests and sisters had come to give communion to our friend and visit with her. Our friend keeps her door open for friends to come in, but Instead, they found her on her bedroom floor:(Paul was so glad it wasn't him!!! Who know what could have been said about that in today's world eh? Her nephew arrived from MX and her sister and brother for the funeral. We had them all over for a meal and had the chance to tell them of Balbina's last hours talking with Paul. He really felt she accepted the Lord as her countenance and attitude changed and we shared that with her family! She said she believed... The nephew is still here with his girlfriend and we are now helping them! We continue to reach out to the community and church family and really that keeps us quite busy!

It's great to know that God can still use us...even in our old age! Was reading these days of verses that pertain to old age and what a joy to know that God blesses us, even with our grey hairs!

We had a great get together over at Ethos 360 last nite, hearing the reports from the fields where our people serve...Amazing stories of how God has undertaken for our missionaries and how God is using these airplanes and helicopters for His Glory. After the typhoon our men will be very busy trying to get food into the areas that have been most affected. Sick ones have been transported by our planes and helicopters to the city so they can be cared for. One lil girl that was so badly burned our pilot flew into the city, got her there and then in turn they sent her to the U.S. and it was there in CA. that the hospital there could care for her and months later, she returned to her village...healed! Praise the Lord!

Our health remains stable, no hospital visits! Just one last visit to my knee Dr. I really want to walk into his office without my walker...Pray I can do it ok? Just for me!

Must close for now dear ones but from our hearts we will tell you that we love you and thank God for your love shown to us thru your prayers and gifts each month! I know many of you are growing old like us. It has touched us deeply to know you have given sacrificially to us! God bless you and keep you til we meet again ok? Must close so my closing fits!!! Paul & Pat Dye

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