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March 17, 2021

Dear Friends:

**CANCER/ CHEMOTHERAPY/ COVID 19/ A BLESSING:** Though it may sound strange to some, we thank God for my lymphoma, for the treatments thus far, and for the fact that Brenda and I both had covid-19 about three months ago because these things drew us closer to God. As we understand it, my chemotherapy is finished for now and I am to have a full body PET scan soon as well as maintenance treatments of Rituxan (my oncologist calls this protein) to follow at yet to be determined intervals.

**CLEVELAND CLINIC A BLESSING:** We also thank God for good health care professionals. Brenda recently had the second of three colon surgeries and some very serious complications arose resulting in an 18 day hospital stay. Your prayers for us at this time are crucial and much appreciated. We are currently staying at my Dad's house and Brenda seems to be improving some each day.

**COMRADES A BLESSING:** With comrades in this case meaning close friendship and fellowship we thank God for our financial supporters, prayer partners, and for Trinidad and Tobago (T.T.) national pastor Keith Lovelace. With approval from our sending pastor and our mission field director we wired the money that was given for the T.T. church van to Pastor Lovelace and the van has been purchased and is ready for use. Pray for Pastor Lovelace as he is now overseeing three churches and pray that Trinidad and Tobago would soon reopen their borders to missionaries.

**KINDNESS OF FOLKS LIKE YOU A BLESSING:** The presence and closeness of the Lord in our lives in recent days has been a great comfort as we sense that churches like yours are praying much for us. Thank you for your faithful prayers and giving.

In Christ,

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September 14, 2022

Dear Friends:

Thank you again for praying as I was in Trinidad from June 8<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. God again blessed, as several people got saved during this time. Two ladies were saved around the time of an all-night prayer meeting that was held at Family Baptist Church (FBC). Also, I led a 94-year-old man to the Saviour on my last day there and baptized a 24-year-old lady as well. It was necessary on this trip to focus on some physical work as several days were spent moving FBC to its new meeting place, which is at the home of one of the deacons. National Pastor Lovelace of Trinity Baptist Church (TBC) had invited Evangelist Richard Harper to preach for one week at TBC and asked me to host and transport Brother Harper, so I joyfully did that as well. I attended 34 church-related services while being on the island 36 full days and preached about 17 times.

I plan to leave on September 20<sup>th</sup> for Trinidad and be there until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, after which chemotherapy is scheduled in the U.S. for me again. I have follicular lymphoma grade 2 and my last CT scan results were "good", meaning there were no major changes. Brenda is feeling somewhat better but is not able, of course, to accompany me on these trips to Trinidad.

We plan to apply in early December for our next three-year missionary permit from the Trinidad government, as this is the earliest that their government will allow us to do so. Please keep praying for our health and thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

In Christ,

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June 4, 2022

Dear Friends:

Thank you for praying as I was in Trinidad from February 10<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup>. God added His blessings as 15 people made professions of faith during this time. Alexia John got saved at Family Baptist Church on February 27<sup>th</sup>, the day before her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Aaron Diaz and Patricia Callendar were saved on March 5<sup>th</sup> at their homes. During our "Zoom" service on March 9<sup>th</sup> Mr. Romany got saved. On March 11<sup>th</sup> I preached a wake service in the Enterprise area during which five people got saved. Then at the funeral in this same mostly Hindu area, four more people got saved. Also, on March 17<sup>th</sup> I was able to lead a 63-year-old cancer patient, Marie Prentice, to the Saviour. Then on my last full day in Trinidad, I led 86-year-old Mrs. Samaroo to Christ at her home.

While there, I was able to be involved in several street preaching services, as well as passing out tracts. I was able to assist our sponsoring pastor on numerous occasions, along with bringing seven first time visitors to his church. In addition, several pastor/deacon meetings were held as we plan to soon move Family Baptist Church to a new location. We are asking you to pray for these new converts, and for this church transition.

I plan to leave again for Trinidad on June 8<sup>th</sup> and return to the U.S. on July 15<sup>th</sup> as I have chemotherapy scheduled again on July 18<sup>th</sup>. My oncologist said that my recent scans were "good", and we thank you for praying for Brenda as we made two trips back to Cleveland Clinic in Ohio last week in reference to some minor medical issues concerning her. Please continue praying for both of us concerning our health. Thank you for your faithful praying and giving.

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February 7, 2022

Dear Friends:

Thank you for praying and giving so that some folks in Trinidad may have an opportunity to receive the Son of God and have His help after salvation. God allowed me to go to Trinidad from November 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup> and five people made professions of faith during that time. Our three-year missionary permit expired on December 6<sup>th</sup> and I had chemotherapy for my cancer on that same day in the U.S., thus I could only stay about one month.

Among those that got saved were 17-year-old Adrian Suchit, 67-year-old Richard David, 52-year-old Kumar Singh, 22-year-old Nirmala Ragoonanan, and 50-year-old Sally Nanan. The men above were saved at church services, and the ladies received the Saviour at a home Thanksgiving service. I also conducted or attended other home or memorial services and did some street preaching and visitation. I also preached at least 14 times including two "Zoom" services that are now conducted weekly due to the pandemic.

I plan to leave again on February 9<sup>th</sup> for a six-week trip to Trinidad. I am, of course, going by faith trusting that after arriving in Trinidad their officials will allow me to stay under visitor status. I have chemotherapy scheduled again in the U.S. on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and my oncologist said my last CT scan was "good".

Brenda is improving some health-wise and has gained a little weight, but of course cannot accompany me to Trinidad. Pray for souls to be saved as I go and mainly for God to be glorified. Thank you for your prayers for us, for monthly financial support, and for Christmas gifts as well as extra gifts during these times of health challenges for us.

In Christ,

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October 20, 2021

Dear Friends:

On October 6<sup>th</sup> while having my personal devotions, God spoke to me from Psalm 121 and clearly impressed upon my heart that He wanted me to make a trip to Trinidad. I then called my pastor, my mission field director, and our sponsoring national pastor in Trinidad and informed them of this. Each of these preachers gave their blessing, so I purchased an airline ticket and am scheduled to leave on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Trinidad. The Trinidad government has lifted some restrictions and churches are now allowed to have services. I must, however, return to the U.S. one month later for a maintenance cancer treatment of Rituxan, which is a form of chemotherapy that rapidly kills cancer cells but has little noticeable side effects on me. According to my oncologist, these Rituxan treatments will be necessary every eight or nine weeks for about ten more months, pending no setbacks. Of course, my doctor is also monitoring me with periodic CT scans and regular blood analysis.

Brenda is unable to go with me to Trinidad as she just had her naso-enteric feeding tube removed on September 9<sup>th</sup> and is still recovering from three major abdominal surgeries in a ten-month period. We thank God for our health challenges as we have been able to be a gospel witness, both verbally and with gospel tracts, to a good number of folks in the medical field as well as others that God has allowed us to interact with.

Please pray for us as I prepare to go to Trinidad. As you know, with Covid restrictions there are many extra details to deal with. It is a joy to partner with you in serving God and being your gospel ambassador to Trinidad. We request that you continue to pray for our health to improve, and we thank you for your faithful financial support.

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June 23, 2021

Dear Friends:

**HEALTH:** We thank you for praying as Brenda is improving somewhat and is scheduled for ileostomy closure surgery on June 28<sup>th</sup>. She also has a temporary nasoenteric feeding tube and is slowly gaining some weight. In addition, she has completed all requirements in the evaluation process concerning possible liver transplant and/or living donor liver transplantation at Cleveland Clinic Hospital as this surgery is a possibility in the future. The PET scan that I had done recently came back, in my oncologist's words, as "good" meaning at present the different combinations of chemotherapy have had the desired effect.

**HOME:** I spoke recently with Pastor Lovelace in Trinidad who is "covering" our churches in Trinidad in our absence, and he gives the following report. The Trinidad government has issued lockdowns, restrictions and curfews due to covid-19 to the point that churches have been unable to personally meet. To get God's Word out Pastor Lovelace has been recording messages and connecting with the saints via internet services. Two of our deacons from Family Baptist Church have been recording messages under Pastor Lovelace's guidance and these are being broadcast as well. Three people had been saved prior to the government restrictions and these are awaiting baptism. Sometimes several hundred folks tune in to these preaching services on line so we thank God that His Word is not bound.

**HEART:** Our desire and plan is to return to Trinidad as soon as we are able health-wise and when their government will allow us to. Trinidad's borders may soon re-open so continue praying to that end. Thank you for continuing to pray and give.

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Dear Friends:

November 3, 2020

**CHURCH UPDATE:** The Trinidad and Tobago (TT) government recently lifted some COVID-19 restrictions and allowed churches to reopen. National Pastor Lovelace thus had the opportunity to begin services at his pastorate and the two churches we oversee when we are in TT. Please pray for Pastor Lovelace with all this responsibility, though he gets much help from leaders in several of our like-minded churches on the island.

**CANCER/SURGERY UPDATE:** Based on my oncologist's prognosis, I am about halfway through my chemotherapy treatments here in West Virginia for lymphoma. A scan is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> to determine if the treatments are shrinking the cancerous areas in my abdomen. I am receiving chemotherapy every three weeks and have not experienced the worst side effects, though it has been difficult. Your prayers mean so much to us at this time, please continue praying.

Brenda has done fairly well since her first surgery. The surgery seems to have triggered a problem with her liver disease so she has been on antibiotics for several weeks. Her doctor is trying to schedule a scan to try and figure out what is going on before the second surgery.

**CHILDREN UPDATE:** Our daughter Anna and her husband Matthew continue to serve God at Bible Baptist Church in Corinth, MS, where Matthew's father is the pastor. Their baby girls, Aubrey and Olivia, are two years old and six months old, and are healthy and happy girls.

Our son Jonathan pastors First Baptist Church in Clark, SD. We are thankful for his wife Sarah, as well as their two-year old son Thomas and six-month old daughter Ellie, who all seem to be doing well.

Our youngest daughter Rebekah and her husband Matt went to Bible college for several years and now believe God is leading them both into the U.S. Army.

Please pray for our family as we recover from the lymphoma and the surgeries.

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July 31, 2020

**CANCER:** In May I began experiencing severe abdominal pain and went to the emergency room in Trinidad. The doctors there examined me and I went home. The pain continued and God gave me no peace about seeking further treatment in Trinidad, so on June 5th I boarded a flight to the U.S. organized by the U.S. Embassy. Following a CT scan and biopsy surgery in West Virginia it was determined that I have lymphoma. So far we believe it may be contained in the mesentery area, though I am scheduled to have two more scans on August 7<sup>th</sup>. I am currently under the care of an oncologist/hematologist, who we understand will determine my course of treatment. However, the experienced surgeon who operated on me stated that I will probably need chemotherapy for a yet to be determined duration, and then will be able to return to Trinidad.

In addition, the biopsies taken during Brenda's last colonoscopy showed some high grade dysplasia, which is pre-cancerous and would definitely turn to cancer. Since she had cancer 21 years ago and had a colon resection her doctor said it is time to remove the rest of her colon, so she will have the first of three major surgeries on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland Clinic.

**CONVERSION:** Two days before I left Trinidad, I led 59-year old Rosman Pattia to the Saviour on a porch while visiting a lady who attends the church which meets at our house. Also, I have been able to speak to several folks here in West Virginia concerning their eternal destiny.

**COMMUNION:** In keeping with the II Corinthians 6:14 meaning of the word communion, we appreciate your partnership/participation in our ministry. Obviously Brenda, myself, and the Trinidad churches need your prayers now as much or more than ever. Pray especially for Pastor Keith Lovelace of Trinity Baptist as he now has responsibility for his pastorate and the two churches where I serve as missionary/pastor. He informed me recently that he is receiving much volunteer help from other local pastors, and we rejoice in the fact of this cooperative spirit among the fundamental Baptist churches of Trinidad. Thank you for praying and giving toward the ministry that God called us to over 28 years ago.

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April 10, 2020

Dear Friends:

**REGENERATIONS:** I thank God for those who, by their profession of faith in the Saviour, have been spiritually reborn since we last wrote to you. On December 31 two adults named Isha and Ian made professions. In the same service a young lady named Hannah received assurance and a man named Ken fully surrendered his heart and life to God. On January 9, I preached a wake service to about 100 people and nine-year old Samuel Naik got saved. On January 20 another lady named Isha got saved at her house during a soul winning appointment I had. Also on February 24 three young men got saved during devotion time at a sports and family day at one of the churches where I serve as missionary/pastor. Then on February 29 the eight-year old daughter of one of the deacons at Family Baptist Church was led to Christ by her mother during bed time devotions.

**RENOVATIONS:** I also thank God for giving us strength and guidance to “spruce up” our outdoor meeting place here at Anchor Baptist Church. We were able to do cement work, as well as cleaning and painting of walls and gates. The Trinidad government will not allow us to hold services at this time due to COVID-19, so we are preparing the church for when the restrictions are lifted.

**RESPONSES:** This past Saturday evening two people called requesting prayer and guidance after hearing me preach on a Trinidad radio broadcast. In addition, Pastor Lovelace called recently, and at times is going to allow me to preach during his church’s Facebook live stream services. Many of you have responded to our request for prayer and funds concerning our future purchase of a van to serve the two churches we minister in. The van purchase is on hold at this time due to COVID-19 government restrictions, but we thank you for your help and will update you in the future when we can.

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February 3, 2020

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry in Trinidad. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways during our 22 years on the field! In this letter I would like to present to you a need that has arisen and ask you to pray about helping in some way.

As you know from our last prayer letter, I am now missionary/pastor of Anchor Baptist Church and Family Baptist Church. It has come to a point where we really need a van to be more effective in our ministry. I have outlined below some of the reasons it is needed so much:

- In addition to our two churches, I also help our sponsoring pastor, Pastor Keith Lovelace, by picking up some of his folks on my way to Family Baptist Church. While I was on furlough, Pastor Lovelace took care of Anchor Baptist Church, driving to Sangre Grande for every service and picking up the people for church, as well as taking care of the preaching.
- I usually make three trips on Sunday afternoon in my car to get people to Anchor Baptist Church.
- There are other people who would like to come to church but I cannot commit to picking anyone else up with my car due to travel distance and time constraints.
- Our car has 273,000 miles on it now because it has basically been used as a church van for the last 20 years. Because of its age and miles, we must have it worked on quite a bit. Pastor Lovelace has been gracious to allow us to use his van during these times, sometimes for two or three weeks at a time.

We have been hesitant to seek to raise money for a van, but it clearly seems to be the Lord's timing to do so now. A dear friend of ours from Trinidad who migrated to the U.S. several years ago was here visiting and helped us with a building project a few months ago. At that time the Lord laid it on his heart to help us get a van because he saw the great need. In the past few months he has raised \$10,500.00 US toward a van. We did not ask him to do this, but God obviously is leading him and his local church to help us.

To get a decent, reliable van will cost about \$18,000.00 US. If the Lord leads you to help with this need, you can send the money to BIMl, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341. Please earmark it for John Gossett, Caribbean account #878. This letter is, of course, being sent to you under the direction and approval of both our sending pastor and church, as well as our mission field director. If you are not able to give, please pray with us that the Lord would supply the needed funds.

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December 16, 2019

Dear Friends:

**SOULS SAVED:** "Can you show me how to get saved?" These are the words that nine-year old Josiah Carrington asked me about 15 months ago. I showed him God's salvation plan and he got saved at that time. About 11 months later Josiah went to heaven as a result of a car accident. His family graciously allowed me to preach a 40-day memorial service for him, at which at least seven of his relatives and friends made professions of faith in the Saviour. Mr. Daniels is a 71-year old man who has been attending services here at Anchor Baptist Church (ABC) and was saved in September.

**SHED BUILT:** In August and September, we built a very nice covering over our front yard area where ABC is now able to meet. This became necessary because previously we had been meeting under two twenty-foot tents. While we were on furlough the tents developed several holes due to the tropical weather conditions here and ABC started meeting inside our house, which did not leave us much private living space. Due to the cost of the tents and having to replace them every couple of years, we decided it would be better to build a more permanent structure that would withstand the weather conditions here. It also gives our church more visibility to the public as they pass by. This covering is about 30 feet long and 20 feet wide and was designed and constructed primarily by Bro. Michael Santo. God gave me and Bro. Santo unusual strength during this time as we put in some very long days of hand mixing cement and mortar. In America you might consider this structure similar to a carport, but in Trinidad it is called a shed, thus the heading at the beginning of this paragraph.

**SPREAD MINISTRY:** Since our last prayer letter I know that many of you have been praying for Family Baptist Church (FBC) and their need for a missionary/pastor. Through prayer, and after consultation with and approval from both our sending pastor and our mission field director, a decision was made to allow FBC to vote on me to become their missionary/pastor. This was done in early September and after a 100% approval vote, and peace for me from the Scriptures, I became missionary/pastor of FBC while also serving as missionary/pastor here at ABC. This was possible as ABC meets Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Family Baptist meets at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, along with Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. FBC is still renting and is seeking to acquire land on which to construct a prefabricated building, which is stored in a container here in Trinidad. Please pray that God would raise up a national pastor for this local church. Pray also for Rickan and Jadon, two brothers who got saved while I was soul-warning in the area near FBC.

Please pray for Anchor Baptist, Family Baptist, and our family as we have a very busy schedule and many wonderful opportunities to serve the Master.

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April 23, 2019

Dear Friends

I have been back in Trinidad for about 11 weeks under what is our sixth three-year missionary permit. God has blessed as I have seen five people make professions of faith in Christ. A young mother named Sarah Alexander was saved on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in LaHorquetta and has been attending Trinity Baptist Church since her conversion. On March 5<sup>th</sup> a lady in her thirties asked Christ to save her at Anchor Baptist Church in Sangre Grande. She has not been back to church due to work hours, but some of her children attend here and got saved here. On March 24<sup>th</sup> a homeless man from San Fernando got saved as I preached at Charity Baptist Church in south Trinidad. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> here at Anchor Baptist Church a man in his fifties who was a long-standing member of Trinity Baptist Church got his salvation settled following a simple message I preached. He gave a very moving testimony during the invitation and God used this to stir all hearts that were present. Then on April 20<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege of leading 43-year old Hayman Maraj to the Saviour. Pray for these and others as most of them come from very rough backgrounds. Drug abuse, alcoholism, immorality, gambling, and a party lifestyle are rampant in Trinidad, along with many false religions. Pray that in the future it could be said of many here what was said of Lydia in Acts 16:14, "... whose heart the Lord opened."

Pray for the radio ministry, also, as I have the opportunity to preach monthly to a potential audience of about 1.4 million people. This past Saturday night a man called me at 1:15 a.m. and told me he heard me preach four hours before. Of course he awoke me from a sound sleep, but it is a joy to know folks are hearing the gospel.

Pray also for my wife, Brenda, as she has not been able to join me in Trinidad yet due to medical situations. She has a fever every day toward evening due to the liver disease, so her doctor has her on antibiotics for four to six months. She has also developed an immunity to one of her ulcerative colitis medications and he is in the process of changing that medication.

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October 24, 2018

Dear Friends:

Thank you for praying for us, and we report with joy that God answered your prayers. Following the suggestion of our sponsoring national pastor in Trinidad, I went to Trinidad in late July seeking to stay for three months under visitor status, and the immigration officer at the airport granted my request. Our application for our next three-year missionary permit is in process in Trinidad and we are awaiting their approval. Of course, while there I checked on the status of our new permit but was told only that it is still in process.

While there I was able to be somewhat involved in both teen and junior Bible camps, was able to preach on the radio three times, and preach one funeral, along with several memorial and wake services. At least 12 people made professions of faith in the Saviour at these services. At Anchor Baptist Church in Sangre Grande, both Josiah Carrington (9 years old) and Destiny Carrington (8 years old) were saved. Also, we had several visitors at Anchor Baptist as a result of visitation efforts.

From September 12<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> I was able to host missionaries Ralph and Sandra Cepec. The Cepec's are veteran Trinidad missionaries and Brother Ralph is in the last stages of cancer. It was a great joy to assist them by getting them to many preaching appointments, and to witness a very unusual moving of the Holy Spirit through the preaching.

Pray for Brenda as she has been having frequent low-grade fever in the evenings as a result of her liver disease. She did, however, receive a good report concerning the ulcerative colitis.

We thank God that while I was in Trinidad we had our first grandchildren. Thomas Henry was born on August 25<sup>th</sup> to our son Jonathan and his wife Sarah, and Aubrey Elisabeth was born on September 5<sup>th</sup> to our daughter Anna and her husband Matthew.

We also had to submit a letter to Trinidad's National Security Division some time ago stating that we will operate under the authority of our sponsoring church in Trinidad. So as our missionary permit is in process we await instructions from our sponsoring Pastor in Trinidad as to our next move. Thus, we are currently in the U.S. and if you would like for us to report to your church please contact us.

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Dear Friends:

**NOTIFICATION:** We are happy to notify you that God has again answered prayer and that our new three-year missionary permit was recently approved. Thank you for following the pattern in Second Corinthians 1:11a which says, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us."

**EMBARKATION:** I am scheduled to leave the U.S. on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Again, we truly thank you for your faithful giving and for praying for us through the Trinidad government's lengthy process concerning our re-entry to their country under missionary status.

**SALVATIONS:** As you know from our previous prayer letters, national pastor Keith Lovelace has helped us greatly by serving as interim pastor at Anchor Baptist Church while we have been on this furlough. It is with joy that we report to you that two more people were saved at the church in late December.

**FAMILY SITUATION:** It is also with joy we tell you of our daughter Rebekah's engagement to Matthew Rodriguez. He is a fine young Bible College student and they plan to get married on June 22, 2019. Continue to pray for Brenda's health as we just returned from Duke University where she had a medical procedure done, and where she needs to return for a follow-up evaluation in early March. She plans to return to Trinidad around mid-March. In addition, we are thankful that in the last few months God has allowed us some time with our two new grandbabies.

**OUR APPRECIATION:** We wish to thank those of you who sent monetary Christmas gifts as these met many needs. Continue to pray for souls to be saved in Trinidad, have a willingness to be discipled, and thus churches to be established.

In Christ,

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