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I enjoy being an usher and in just helping out in anyway we can at our local church here in Harrison. My wife and I started helping out in Master Clubs which kicked off the new year towards the end of August. I am teaching the 5th grade class. Currently, I have 3 who are coming every week. My wife is helping one of the other ladies and they both are teaching the 4th and 5th graders as well. They also have three that are coming regularly. As many of you may already know, we meet as a group to start things off on Wednesday nights but then split up into smaller groups and classes. So far, we are having a great year. Pray for more children to come. Also my wife has been helping out in the nursery at our church here and soon will be looking to start helping out in Sunday school. One of my wife's biggest responsibilities is teaching at the Calvary Christian School here in Chattanooga. She is teaching the 3 and 4 year olds and currently has 4 students. Thank you for your prayers and continue to pray that my wife and children will have a successful year at Calvary.

Satan is always trying to make things difficult in the ministry. I came down with COVID a couple of months ago but am so thankful that my wife and children did not come down with it. It took me a good week or so to overcome that obstacle. I want to say thank you to those of you who have continued to pray and support us. It has been difficult having to give up our health insurance that we were doing because we just cannot afford it anymore. Really trusting the Lord through faith that we will be okay and that when the times come, we will be able to afford medical expenses should they arise. Would you keep us in prayer about this matter. It was also difficult in seeing one of the young girls and school lose everything she and her grandma had in a house fire. Her name is Ally. If you think about it, pray for this little girl.

It has been a blessing to see the road project come to a close in which the main road of Compassion Lane has been fully repaved as well as the loop at the main building and also the parking lot. Lots of work and time went into this project. We thank those on the outside who also helped in making all this possible. Now when you come onto the property you will notice a difference in the roads. Much work though still needs to be done but a lot has been done, yet, so many more projects still need to be done in the future as well.

It was a joy to see Pastor Yoshimoto as he visited America for the first time and came to our church here with Bro. Robert Heath. Pastor Yoshimoto was the "Timothy" to Dr. Les Frazier. Dr. Frazier taught and disciplined Pastor Yoshimoto there in Japan. We knew him from our time in Japan and it was a joy to get to converse in Japanese as that has been the first Japanese person we have seen since leaving Japan.

Thank you for always keeping our parents in your prayers. I am thankful that my in-laws get to come up and visit us periodically. However we always have to travel to South Carolina in order to see my parents. Continue to pray for my mom's health and even my dad's as well as for my father-in-law. Also keep my wife's uncle in your prayers out in Texas as he may have leukemia but we are not 100% sure yet. We should find out something sometime this month or next. October 24 will mark one year ago that we said goodbye to Japan. This has not been an easy transition back to the States but the Lord is good. Our children are doing okay in school and we are settling down day by day by grace. We are surrounded by wonderful people here everyday at the Home Office and your prayers and support keep the fire burning.

It would be an honor, joy, and privilege to be able to start preaching again. Even if I were not the main pastor somewhere, just knowing that I could be a pastor in some way and get to preach would be a blessing. God has called me to PREACH. Also, pray that we might be able to obtain a second vehicle for our family.

We trust that each of you will have a very Merry and Happy Holiday Season that is upon us. Lord willing, the next prayer letter after this will go out at the beginning of the year if not before. We thank you for the birthday cards and all that you send our way to be an encouragement to us. Thank you and God bless!

Every heart with Christ is a missionary. Every heart without Christ is a mission field.

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Luke 4:18-19

Pray for lost souls to come to know Christ as their personal Savior.



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