## Melvyn & Carol Brown

Missionaries in His service 'til He comes February 08, 2016

Dear Partners in the Faith,



**UPCOMING SURGERY:** In 1987 I got shingles in my left eye. Since that time scar tissue developed over the cornea and my vision is like looking through a frosted window. On February 25th I will be having that scar tissue removed. Of course there is some risk but God is able to give me better vision. The recovery time will be around 30 days. Please pray for me and my doctors during this time. Thank you. Also, I fell and cracked a vertebrae in the middle of my spine. I am wearing a back brace now for 3 months, praying the Lord will heal it. Please pray for the healing of this vertebrae. I believe God is able.

Please continue to remember Carol in your prayers also - she is having a harder time with her Parkinson's as it continues to progress.

CHRISTMAS GIFT DISTRIBUTION CENTER: The week before Christmas over 3,000 people attended the S.A. Angel Tree gift distribution center here in Birmingham, Al. Many of my soul-winning friends took the opportunity to distribute tracts and personally witness one on one to many that were there. I was able to distribute my two DVDs, "The Story of Jesus" for kids and "How Does Your Future Look?" at this event. If you want to catch fish you have to go where the fish are. There were more fish than the fishermen could handle.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES: I asked Missionary Jeremy Ferguson if he used our "HOW TO GET MORE MONEY FROM GOD" series on stewardship and he said: "YES, I really appreciate those materials. I've done stewardship months before at our first church plant here and used your materials. A consistent focus on these things has resulted in a church that can truly support herself without having to solicit dollars from America. The people are taught to support their own workers through their tithes, take care of their own building projects through their building offerings, and that church has currently sent out two of their members (who finished their Bible schooling there) to do church planting locally and support them as well as other Filipino foreign missionaries. Our two other church plants are on the path to doing the same as well. In fact, our church in Arayat, Pampanga just purchased their own land and are planning a building project as they've been meeting in a house for a while now. Also, our church among the Aeta tribal people will be having their first stewardship month this February and some of those materials from the "How to get more money from God" will be adapted for them as well." Friends, these are the reports we like to receive: missionaries teaching their people Biblical Stewardship. Regardless of the country, nationals can give to support their own churches, etc. Nobody is too poor to give.

All in all, we are grateful for all that God is enabling us to do. Without Him nothing happens and without your faithful prays and sacrificial giving it would be impossible to do our ministry. Thank you for your love and concern. In His service 'til He comes,

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