



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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Dear Praying Friends,

It has been an exciting and wonderful journey since June of 1966. God called us out of the business world where our focus had been on money, power and fame and gave us a passion for the souls of men, women, boys and girls.

Our first calling, after specialized training, was to serve as county directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship here in B'ham, AL. Later God called me into the pastorate where I served two churches in the B'ham area. After feeling my need for further training we moved to Chattanooga, TN and enrolled in Tennessee Temple. We had four children and we were all students there. "Those whom God calls He calls to prepare." were the words of Dr. Monroe Parker that God used to help me take this step of faith.

While a student at TTU I worked in the Visitation Department as a soul winner for two years, then I took the pastorate of the Dalton Baptist Temple in Dalton, GA. After graduation in 1975 God called us to Pensacola, FL where I pastored the Grace Baptist Church. God grew GBC from around 50 to 300 during those years. We had a world missions conference every year and our number of missionaries grew from around 5 to 50. God blessed us there at GBC in a mighty way. We thought we would stay there forever.

At our last missions conference in 1979, we, as a church, prayed that God would increase our faith promise giving to missions plus call a young couple out of our church to go to the mission field. God answered that prayer and called the Pastor and family (that's us) to the Philippines. I was 45 years old. We did our deputation and arrived in the Philippines to win souls and plant churches for the glory of God on July 1st, 1980. God enabled us to do what He called us to do and we were there for 17 years. In 1997 I had a stroke which effected my eyes. Because of this we had to return to the U.S. for continued medical assistance. However the commitment we made in 1966 was a life-time commitment and we will continue to serve Him until He comes in the rapture or takes us home.

We ask that you pray for Carol who has Parkinson's Disease. We know that Romans 8:28 is for "those who are called according to his purpose." We are trusting God daily for His provisions and know that He will continue to "supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory." Phil. 4:19

We thank you for having a vital part in our ministry these 40 wonderful years of service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We could not have done it without your faithful prayer and financial support. **We are still helping missionaries with conferences, Bible Institute materials, and short-term furlough relief when the call comes.** May God continue to bless you.

In His service 'til He comes,

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