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JULY-SEPTEMBER 2018 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. When I said, My foot slippeth, Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up." (Psalm 94:17, 18)

HEALTH NEWS: After having bladder surgery with some complications, my physicians put me down to bed rest for a few months. My needing five major surgeries on my feet, ankles, and knees had a lot to do with this too. I have not been allowed to come downstairs to work in my office on my desktop computer to catch up on all the email or to get out prayer letters. It is extremely painful for me to try to walk with a cane or a walker without falling. My pain level is so high, making it very hard to get any rest or sleep. Today, I decided to scoot downstairs on my bottom to get to my desk and computer. Since I am having major foot surgery on October 12th which will lay me up for quite a while, it is important that I get out a couple of prayer letters now.

Marie and I are new Great Grandparents! Quinn Harrison Bridges was born on June 20, 2018 to Tyler and Shannon Bridges at 11:47 a.m. Quinn weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long, Asher Reagan Carter was born on July 7, 2018 to Lewis and Rachel Carter at 10:46 a.m. Asher weighed 9 lbs. 1.3 oz. and was 22 inches long. We are overjoyed, overwhelmed, and overexcited! How we thank the Lord for these precious, little gifts from God. What a wonderful blessing they are!



Quinn Harrison Bridges



Tyler, Shannon, & Quinn



Rachel, Lewis, & Asher



Asher Reagan Carter



WE TRAVELED TO SOUTH CAROLINA FOR ONE MEETING. Because my doctors and surgeons do not believe I will live through the upcoming major foot surgery, I decided to keep a Sunday morning and evening meeting at the great Gantt Street Baptist Church where Dr. Gene Rowell is the pastor. This was their annual Missions Sunday with two wonderful missionary families on deputation going to Ecuador and New Zealand. If it is God's will for me to go to heaven during this surgery, I want to at least preach one more meeting. Preaching at Gantt Street was a tremendous blessing. The men were kind to help me from my wheelchair up the six steps to the stool at he pulpit in each service and down again. The Holy Spirit was wonderful to work in hearts and lives for the glory of God. At the end of the Sunday night service, Pastor Rowell led the people to give \$10,000.00 for National Bible Publishing Month, and the church took up \$3,000.00 for me. They did not know that it is going to cost \$3,000.00 to build a ramp and widen the doors in our home. They also surprised Marie with a wonderful gift. Wow! Glory to God for these wonderful people. We were and are truly grateful for their kindness. My physicians said to make any trips would be to risky. I am glad we did the risky thing.

Medical bills have piled up that Medicare and our supplemental insurance does not cover. We want to thank the churches and

friends who have helped us thus far. You are a blessing to us, and we are extremely grateful to each of you.

We must also have a stairlift built to get me downstairs to my office and desktop computer, files, books, copier, printers, etc. Insurance does not cover this, and we are told that they cost thousands of dollars. Of course, if I pass away, this stairlift will not be necessary, but just in case we have two different national companies coming, so we can find out how much they cost. Ours will be more expensive because we have 13 steps, a landing, and then 2 more steps. It is not a less expensive, straight stairway. Hopefully, we can get a home equity loan to take care of this necessary expenditure.

Please pray for Marie, as she faces all this. It is a lot for a person to deal with at this time. She has been a precious caregiver and a real Hero to me through 103 surgeries and the six times doctors said I had a brief time to live. She carries a heavy load.

Please don't think we are discouraged. God is very good to us. We are not depressed. We are impressed with our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is call the Almighty God in Revelation 1:8. He can do and has done what physicians and surgeons said was impossible. The Almighty is the God of miracles. We are trusting Him for miracles.

Thank you, precious friends, for your faithful support of BPS and our family. We are extremely grateful. May God bless you and continue to use you for Christ's honor and glory and for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

Bob and Marie Ford

Dr. Bob and Mrs. Marie Ford

Ephesians 3:20, 21

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