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Following a couple of nice (and much needed) rains in our area, there is a definite feeling of Fall in the air! A verse came to my mind as I was preparing our breakfast this morning. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20.) Of course, Jeremiah was lamenting for his people Israel, yet I feel that it could be applied today. How many have sat through church services this summer...possibly revival meetings and gone away without yielding to the LORD and receiving His salvation? How sad to think that so many have passed up that which they need more than any other thing in life!

If "nature" foretells the approaching seasons, I suppose the ants who have zealously invaded my kitchen could foreshadow a severe Winter! I have tried about everything I know, yet they seem to prosper and thrive in spite of all my attempts at eliminating them! Actually, we could learn many lessons from them. Proverbs 30: 25 tells us, "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer." Also in Proverbs 6: 6 - 8, we are told, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (KJV)

Yes, here / am again! Eldwyn's eye surgeries were a blessed success... however his glasses are not yet ready, so I am writing for him again. Hopefully his glasses will be ready this week. I, also am back to wearing glasses, as the surgeries did a marvelous job of correcting my cataracts, but not the astigmatism which I have had since childhood, and my sight is definitely better with them than without them! (Since I have worn them for 70 years, you can probably understand that one.) And I must tell of a great blessing here...having paid \$1,500 initially for Eldwyn's surgeries, we owed \$3,500. I called the office one day to make a payment on our credit card, and the young lady who answered said, "You don't owe any more. The doctor said he didn't want you paying any more." Wasn't that generous? He is a godly man and said he uses his time between his home and his office in prayer.

Philip, Wendy, Brooke and Bryson arrived in the U. S. on schedule and have had two all-too-brief visits with us so far. They had to leave earlier than anticipated and go to Louisiana for Philip to preach the funeral of a young cousin of Wendy's who, sadly, had overdosed on drugs. They, and we were praying the funeral service might reach the hearts of some of her unsaved relatives.

We drove up to Waynesboro, MS on August 12 to hear Philip preach, and Eldwyn got to see his World War II buddy, Man/in Holland, now 90 years old, again. For some reason, their youthful war pictures have changed considerably, though it is a blessing to know that "The hoary (white) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness," (Proverbs 16:31.) Philip also preached here at Ebenezer on August 19th and we were blessed by his challenging message on "Following Christ." If we are really and truly desirous of following Him, it may cost us more than we have expected, yet in the end it will truly be worth it.

They also took us over to Beaumont, Texas for a short visit with Bonise, Graham and Lauryn. We were able to "pack it so full" that it was a very satisfying time.

Please continue your prayers for Michael. Though he says he feels fairly well, and continues working, his platelets are down, and he is scheduled for more blood work and a CT scan. Mso please pray for all our other children...Sharon and Sarah's families as well as Daniel's family currently making preparations to come to the States in October, the Lord willing.

Though this may reach you after Eldwyn's appointment with one of his Jewish doctors Thursday...a follow-up to the surgery for removal of a melanoma on his neck which, according to tests was only skin deep...please pray that we may be able to show this sweet young doctor her need of the Savior Who was willing to take her sins and die for them. May the Lord bless each of you according to your need.

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