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Dear Friends and Loved Ones

In Psalm 115: 9 - 11, three times Israel, as well as "ye that fear the LORD" were reminded to "Trust in the LORD: HE is their help and their shield". How often we/I forget to take *everything* to HIM, Who is our help and our shield! Please continue praying for Graham, who suffered a stroke 4 weeks ago, and is now on the road to recovery.

The other day, Eldwyn said, "It's time for us to write another newsletter." I replied, "Have you thought about what you're going to write?" Then the truth came out! He wanted ME to write it!

I am now a "real" OCTOGENARIAN, having had my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 10. To help us celebrate, were 3 of our children, 2 of their spouses, 9 grandchildren, 5 of their spouses, and all 9 of our little great-grandchildren, some of whom had never seen each other. Little Jordan Alfonso came from Colorado with her parents to have her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday with Meemaw. Debbie made 2 delicious butternut cakes for the occasion. There were 30 of us family members, plus 2 dear friends from Little Rock, Arkansas, Phyllis and Howard Sawyer, who drove that distance to surprise me completely. The bittersweet, of course was that the other 20 family members could not be here, so amid the festivities, I had to shed a few tears over phone calls and flowers which arrived from our children who could not be here. Sarah's children were still in school, and could not come, but we eagerly look for their family a month from today. Daniel's family who are scheduled to arrive a month later sent gorgeous flowers. Please pray for him as he had to shorten his trip to northern Mozambique because of illness. Philip's family also sent beautiful flowers, and though they were ordered from 2 very distant continents, arrived at our door at the same time!

As Greg, one of my favorite checkers at the grocery unloaded my cart last week, he told me of problems he was having...his car motor had burned out, his girl friend had broken up, etc. I told him that the LORD said for us to cast all our burdens on Him because He cares for us, and asked him if he is saved. When he told me he is not, the LORD kept away other shoppers as I had ample time to explain the way of salvation to him. He was looking me so intently in the eyes as I talked, he automatically reached for each item to scan without even looking at it, giving me his earnest attention. He thanked me for the tract I left with him and I have been praying every day that when I see him next, he will tell me he has received the LORD'S gift of salvation.

After being unable for two or three weeks to locate the checker with whom Sharon and her girls had made friends, she sought out her mother, who works in another section of the store. Sharon burst into tears as the mother told her both her daughters, and the boy friend of one, had been murdered by their stepfather, who then turned the gun on himself after unsuccessfully seeking the mother, who had escaped through a window. She assured Sharon that both girls were saved, her only consolation. Megan had loaned the girl her DVD of "Facing The Giants" and she had told Megan she really enjoyed it. When we read about the incident in our small local weekly, we did not realize this was someone with whom our family had been in contact.

Since Eldwyn is quite limited, when we get calls from telemarketers, he likes to tell them the way of salvation. One very persistent telemarketer, intent on selling us a home security system, was eager to end the conversation when he was told about Security that is not of this world.

Surely all the mission fields are not "over yonder". They are all around us...family members, neighbors, people we come in contact with from day to day...the fields at home. We need, as the LORD admonished us, to "...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white ALREADY to harvest." John 4: 35. The writer of the following song recognized that the LORD has given to US, what ALL the world needs.

#### WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST

As we look around us, all the fields are white,  
Ripened unto harvest, and so quickly comes the night!  
Christians must get busy. There is work to do  
There's an urgent call awaiting you.

Souls are crying, men are dying. Won't you lead them to the cross?  
Go and find them, help to win them. Win the lost at any cost!

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Love in the Lord,

Alice June and Eldwyn Rogers

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