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Beloved Friends and Family,

Psalms 116: 15 says, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." Of most recent news in our family, is the passing of Eldwyn's sister, Margie Taylor, whose funeral was last Saturday, September 13th. Margie was a faithful Christian, a deacon's wife, and beloved sister. She wrote to us faithfully during the years we were on the mission field, as well as the years Eldwyn was in the army during World War II. And, yes, I unsuccessfully tried to persuade him to write this time. As you may remember, however, according to my dear husband, I can write so much faster ☺ .

Our dear granddaughter, Phoebe, 2nd daughter of Michael and Debbie, has been working with Compassion International for several years. Much or most of her time has been spent in Africa. We had not seen her since her older sister Andrea's wedding five years ago, and she had not been in our house in seven years (since Paul's funeral). She arrived back in the States a few weeks ago as she is getting married in Wyoming on the 25th of this month. What a blessing it was to US that she would take time out from her wedding preparations to make a *FLYING* trip (literally) to visit us over the week-end. She arrived Saturday morning, and left Monday afternoon. Much was packed in to her visit, as you might imagine! Margie's funeral was in the afternoon, and as Eldwyn had a part in it, Phoebe is the one who pushed his wheel chair to the front and stood and held his microphone for him as he spoke. She said she wanted to do as much for us as she could while she was here. How precious!

Some of you have called to inquire of Bonise and family during Hurricane Ike. As they live in Beaumont, Texas, they had evacuated when it was mandatory before Gustav, and spent several days here with us. This was a very hard trip for them, as Graham had had his 2nd stroke only 4 weeks previously. Since evacuation was only suggested and not mandatory before Ike, they prayed about it and decided to stay, as none of them felt physically like making the 6 hour trip so soon again. The LORD protected them, and though they lost some shingles, they had no leaks, nor did they lose phone service! They may be without electricity for awhile, but a man whom Graham had baptized along with his wife and son before their move to Arkansas, sent them down a generator yesterday, so their refrigerator is up and going. This morning in our devotional, Eldwyn and I had arrived at the book of Proverbs. Chapter 1, verse 33 reads, "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." I called and shared that with Bonise.

Our youngest daughter, Sarah Ross underwent back surgery a week ago, but was still in some pain when I talked with her last. Please remember her in your prayers.

We eagerly look for Daniel, Cindy and 3 youngest children next Tuesday, who will be coming in from Mozambique, Africa.

When I last saw Greg, the checker whom I mentioned in our last newsletter, I asked him if he had been considering the things I had said to him. He replied that he thought of them often, but that he was Jewish. So the LORD has given me another opportunity to witness to a Jew. I had never asked him his last name, but when he told me that, I did ask him, and he said it was Cohen. If I had asked him earlier, I would, of course, have known he was Jewish. I told him there is only one way to Heaven for either Jew or Gentile, and that is through what our Jewish Saviour did when He loved us enough to die for us. Please continue to pray for him. Thank you for your concern for us and our family, and for your love and prayers!

Love in the LORD,

Eldwyn and Alice June Rogers