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Bethel Missionary Baptist Church;
Beloved Friends and Family,

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Ecclesiastes 11:1. As Cordare, the young black man probably in his early 20's loaded my groceries into the car, I asked if he is saved. He replied, "You've asked me that before." "Well, are you?" I asked. A brilliant smile lit his face, as he said, "You gave me that little book (a tract) and I went home and read it that night and now I am." What a blessing! The last time I spoke to Greg, the Jewish checker, I told him I prayed for him that morning. "You *DID*?" he asked in surprise. Please continue your prayers for him, also.

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend," Proverbs 27: 17. How wonderful it is again to meet friends of many years past! October 26 was the 150th anniversary of the Providence Missionary Baptist Church near Judsonia, Arkansas. In 1948 when Michael was only 2 weeks old, Eldwyn was called to pastor & was there 2 years. We were invited up for the services, and after Daniel said he could drive, we accepted the invitation. Delores (Wools) Burke, was only 8 years old when we first went there. She and Charles graciously paid for our accommodations in the Hampton Inn, and we had a very joyful time in the all day services at the church. I felt as if the LORD let us be transported back 60 years as we felt the same love and fellowship we enjoyed then. We were impressed with the sweet & gracious spirit of their present pastor, Bro. Randall Gilbert. Daniel pushed Eldwyn's wheel chair to the front when he was asked to speak, and was introduced by the oldest member of the church, Sister Jewel Stewart, also in a wheel chair. While in the area, we also saw old friends, Eddie & Neva Sullivan, long time missionaries in Japan, as well as Richard Kamerman, whose wife, Luella passed away about a year and a half ago, and who, himself has many health problems.

Last week we were blessed by getting to attend the Mt. Pisgah annual Bible conference, November 11 - 13, hosted by the Laird brothers, Harold and Roger, whose families were our substitute children and grandchildren when we were in Chile. We rejoiced over the wonderful sermons we heard, having our spirits lifted, and our "irons sharpened" once more with the fellowship of many friends. Strong men lifted Eldwyn in his wheel chair to the podium and he was able to preach about 15 - 20 minutes. Once again, Daniel's help with his Dad made this trip much easier.

Please continue to pray for Michael, our dear first-born. He is scheduled to begin his chemotherapy on December 2. We are seeking the LORD'S will concerning a short trip out west to give him & Debbie physical, moral and spiritual support for a few days, then on to visit Sarah, Brian and children at the same time. They have not gotten to come in over 3 years. Due to Sarah's back surgery this summer, they had to cancel their trip for which they already had plane tickets. Daniel said he has enough air miles to give him a free ticket, or this trip, also would not be possible for us. We ask your prayers for him and his family as they look to the LORD for His guidance in their future. In the meantime, they are a tremendous blessing to two aging senior citizens!

To accommodate some of our church folks, Sunday Ebenezer had their early & blessed Thanksgiving services. As next week is Thanksgiving Day, we look forward, the LORD willing, to having Sharon, Robert and girls, possibly all of Daniel's family, and if Graham feels able to make the trip, he, Bonise and Lauryn.

Philip, Wendy and children in Chile are entering summertime, and a very busy time of Bible camps and vacation Bible schools. Please pray for them.

Received gratefully \$50 (9-30-08 #2382),

Love in the LORD,

Eldwyn + Alice June
Alice June & Eldwyn Rogers