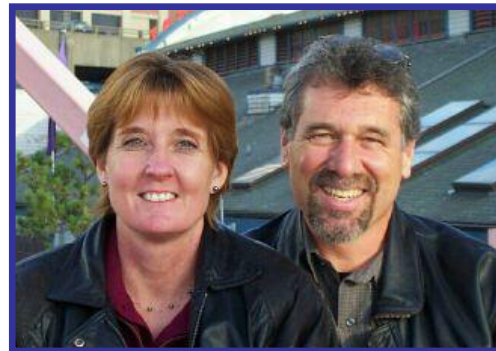


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During the past month and a half, many unexpected events have taken place in our lives. At the beginning of the Easter Holidays, we received a phone call from Cheryl's brother informing us that her father, Dave, was having serious health issues and was to see the cardiologist on Wednesday. If an



operation was required, they would be hard pressed to care for him as they could not be home during the day. Cheryl's father's wife, Helen, was also seriously ill and needed to be placed in a care facility. We were both very concerned and had the sense that we needed to be there if called upon. On Wednesday, we got the call - he was to be operated on (open-heart surgery) in two days. That afternoon, I found plane tickets to Seattle and the next day we were in the air, arriving at midnight. On Friday, we rented a car and drove to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, arriving as Dave was coming out of the operating room. He had six bypasses and a heart valve was replaced. He is 83 years old.

For the next three weeks, Cheryl and I attended to Dave's care. We looked after his medicines, food, therapy and basic physical care. We were also able to take him to see his wife each day. It was a very slow progress but, little by little, he could walk a little farther and do a little more. We took him to his doctor's appointments and got him started in the hospital's outpatient rehabilitation program. We were also able to minister to him with words of encouragement, words of exhortation and prayer. We are praying much for his and his wife Helen's salvation. We were also able to have many good talks with Cheryl's brother, Barry, and his wife, Bonnie. They will be coming down to visit us for a week in November, Lord willing. With Dave being able to care for himself during the day, we left him in the care of Barry and Bonnie. The next week, he was given permission to drive and he is on the road to recovery.

I was also able to visit my brother, Dean, who suffers greatly from a rare bone disease and the doctors have not been able to arrest its progress. Please pray for Dean and his wife, Paula, as they are passing through this most difficult trial. We know in our heads how much God loves us and all that He has done for us and continues to do for us, but in the midst of such suffering it is difficult for us to reconcile it all in a way we can understand. I guess we never can understand it fully. Pray for all of us; that our faith will not fail, that as we come up against the unexplainable we might walk in the assurance of God's unfailing love for us and the unfathomable wisdom of it all for what God has purposed to accomplish, both for our salvation and for the glory of His love and grace to us, who are all sinners.

During the time of our trip to the States, Leonel, together with Jon and Ronald, provided for the pastoral care and preaching at the Family of Faith Church. There were baptisms in a borrowed swimming pool and new members added to the church. All have told me of the blessings received from the Lord through the ministry of each one while we were gone.



There were improvements made on the front entrance of the church, which we are all glad to see. We still have a way to go, however. We are just now beginning the rainy season and we must attend to some urgent needs on our property while we are making plans with an architect and praying for funds for the construction of our new facility. The folks have taken a real interest in the care



of the property; planting trees and flowers. Little by little, we are seeing the dream become a reality. Nearly all the excess dirt has been removed. There is still a



bit to go and we are praying and working to see it all cleared away. The elevations are in place. We just need to protect the property from the rains and walk with God as we build.

The special Mother's Day Celebration we had brought in many new people. Everyone seemed to participate in some way. The children of the Sunday School sang, with the young people playing the musical instruments. The ladies prepared the food and refreshments for after the service. We are seeing many new people coming to church and we have many people to visit during the week.



Pray for us as we announce the Kingdom of Heaven to people living in the kingdom of this world. God loves everyone without

exception in the sinful and weak condition in which He finds us. That is why He provided for our salvation in Christ and invites us to enter into the rule and realm of His Kingdom by faith,

through grace. In Christ, we abide in God's love, power and authority and we are being saved from the power and authority of sin which operates in our flesh. Pray for us as we daily bring this message of life to our own hearts and to a city that is so religious but empty of God's peace and love. Thank you for remembering us. We are

Yours for Souls,

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