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To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends: Greetings in Jesus name.

Again it is a blessing to report to you our co labors in the spreading of this wonderful news that Jesus saves. The Lord has been so good to all of us as we move day by day thru this dangerous maze of life. Every day is a new adventure on this old sea of time and what a wondrous voyage it is and has been from the beginning of our Christian walk.

Too often, we as Christians fail to realize how influential our lives can be on the lives of other people, including other Christians. We should live our lives with a daily goal of producing faith in others. **John Bunyan, the renowned author of Pilgrims Progress** conveys the idea of influence quite beautifully with this quote: "Christians are like the several flowers in a garden that have each of them the dews of heaven, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other's roots, whereby they are jointly nourished and become nourishers of each other." Christians should remember that our spiritual growth and strength not only comes from regular bible study and prayer, but also from using the talents and spiritual gifts that God gives us to encourage and equip others.

A professional diver said he had in his house what would probably strike a visitor as a very strange chimney ornament—the shells of an oyster holding fast a piece of printed paper. The possessor of this ornament was diving on the coast, when he observed at the bottom of the sea this oyster on a rock, with a piece of paper in its mouth, which he detached, and commenced to read through the goggles of his headgear. It was a gospel tract, and, coming to him thus strangely and unexpectedly, so impressed his unconverted heart, that he said, "I can hold out against God's mercy in Christ no longer, since it pursues me this way." He became, while in the ocean's depth, a repentant, converted and (as he was assured) sin-forgiven man—saved at the bottom of the sea!

Praises and Prayer Request

1. For you who are so faithful to prayer and give that others may go.
2. My life was spared September 4th, almost bled to death because of **Diverticulosis**.
3. Through that ordeal discovered I have liver cancer.
4. For the **Radioembolization** therapy we have undergone, and by God's grace that it will kill the cancer. We will try to keep you informed in the future.
5. That 2020 will be the most fruitful year ever for God's glory.
6. As we face and embrace the future we will continue to see the power of His gospel.
7. I know we are older and sickly but to continue spreading his truth we desire and intend to do. The Lord willing!

Merry Christmas

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Pastors feel free to call if you desire to do so.