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"For we are labourers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9)



Whither We Goest, Thou Goest: By Your Prayers And Financial Support



Greetings to one and all. It is hard to believe that another year has come and is almost gone. Time brings many changes, some good and some bad. Those of you who have lost loved ones in the past year can well relate to this fact. Sandy lost a beloved sister last Christmas Day to cancer.

We have made it back to “our part of the world” and are very thankful to be back closer to loved ones. We traveled with no accidents but after our last fill-up we almost hit a tractor trailer. I-40 was very busy in both lanes and practically bumper to bumper. Coming down the ramp and trying to get the 37,000 lbs moving fast enough to get onto I-40: I didn’t realize how **short** the ramp was and my vision was hindered to the left rear due to the angle of the curve. When the ramp came parallel to I-40, I was side by side with an 18 wheeler and the ramp ending so I ran onto the narrow shoulder with a guardrail, **braking very heavily** and trying not to hit the guardrail and especially not the truck. When I got the 37,000 lbs stopped I looked over toward the truck and saw him trying to edge out all the traffic to his left so he could fall in behind another semi. Someone was blowing at him and they did fall back and let him in. My lane came to a complete stop and let me in. Needless to say I was embarrassed and wished I could have made myself invisible! Surprisingly, no one came around me making signs or blowing at me. **I think they all knew how dangerous that very short ramp is and especially for heavy vehicles.** Thanks be to God we weren’t hit. I am very thankful that the truck did not have an accident with the cars while he was trying to avoid us, which he really did not have to do because I was on the shoulder, but in the heat of things he overreacted. As the old saying goes, “we all [I] do dumb things” and I do believe I have learned something from this episode. Now, if I can just remember what I learned, ha!!!

It was wonderful to see Tammy and her family. The baby did not know us and it took her quite awhile to warm up to us, but before we left she would let us hold her. Unfortunately, both Sandy and I came down with a **severe cold** or whatever it was. We didn’t get to spend much time with the grandchildren because we didn’t want them to get sick. As soon as we were feeling a little better, we traveled on down to **Louisville, MS** helping a small congregation of about 12. This is the only church in the county of 19,000+ souls. The preacher is glad to have our help and he and his wife (in their late 70’s) are helping us some in the door knocking.

The congregation here is like a breath of fresh air after some that we have visited. The preacher brings very sound lessons and it is so encouraging to find someone with “like precious faith.” This “faith” often creates **very close bonds** and mutual influence which we have seen in our Christian lives through the years. I wrote about J.M. in the 10-13 WR. This past Saturday his wife called and said J.M. passed away on Dec. 2nd. She further said that he had a great bond for us. Our memory of J.M. will continue to encourage us in the work and remembering that in his last days on earth he sent a sizable donation to the work: see 1 Thess. 4:13-18. His influence lives on and he continues to work through his gift. Many others have encouraged us, for which we are very thankful.

Thanks to Obama’s “affordable health care” our health insurance premiums are going up from \$342 to \$1,060 a month which was going to automatically be taken out of our checking account 1-14. Sandy called to find out if we could do anything to lower our premiums, and was told we can keep our current plan for another year with the monthly premium now being \$415.60. If she hadn’t asked, we would have been stuck paying the high premium. So, if you have a similar situation, you may want to call your insurance company.

May God bless you all for your continued prayers and support of us and the work. We hope all will have a safe and happy holiday and be able to be with loved ones.