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Praying Brethren, Supporters, and Friends,

It's been a while since our last letter, and a lot has happened in our life and ministry. Bear with me as I share with you some of these details. In June, two big events took place. One was that I turned 76 years old, a gift from my Lord! The other was that I fell and broke my arm, a test from my Lord! It was a break in the upper arm, and it could not be put in a cast. That caused a lot of misery for me and for my wife also, as she was my 24 hour a day caregiver! The doctors told us it would be a long recovery, and it has been. I still do physical therapy because the arm lost mobility and strength.

Also in June, God sent us a lady to train as a periodic helper. She gained all that was needed to be able to care for the "Bible To You" office work here so that when we traveled to a missions conference at Ambassador Baptist College last fall, things continued well back here.

At the conference we were able to provide thumb-drives of all the "BTY" lessons, as an aid to individuals at the college and visiting pastors, evangelists, teachers, and missionaries. Some of the folks opted to utilize the website. It was a wonderful week in which God used this ministry, once again, to His glory.

Please pray for us as we continue to reach out to individuals, particularly in the prison system, that we may witness to them of salvation and teach them the doctrines of the Bible. Colossians 1:28 is our ministry verse: "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

We have sent over a hundred and fifty new contact letters inviting inmates to join in doing BTY lessons. Each received *Finding Direction in God's Word*, lesson one on salvation. Responses are slow to come with only two people responding. Although that is discouraging, it is not a license to quit. As a matter of fact, those two needed us, and the others needed the witness! *Christina, below, was one who responded.

Our church, Faith Baptist of Shelocta, has also been including Lesson one of Finding direction in God's Word or Bible Basics one in letters of invitation to all new move-ins in our area. Several hundred lessons have gone out.

Here are a few comments from students that express how God is working in their lives through "Bible To You":

*Christina in PA. "...Since incarcerated I have lost my entire family. The last one was my father-in-law...he passed away October 24, 2023.He was a very religious man, every week he would ask me, did I go to church. It was because of him I found faith and was baptized.I called him every night and we would read the Bible, the King James Bible *that* he sent me.my thanks to the Earleys for this amazing gift (The free Bible Study, Home Chat, Tracts and devotional pages that were sent out to new contacts.). It meant so much to me for so many reasons."

Manuel in CA "...thank you for all you do for others through your love for our Lord. Your studies help to keep me focused on our Lord.I'm very grateful for the strength *they give*.

Dee in IA "...I am so happy for you sending me a Bible and I thank you so much. I was born in Myanmar and I grow (grew) up in Thailand (as a) refugee. I love to learn and do Bible Study."

Nee in IA "I ...thank you a lot because you help me to see the way, the truth and the life, Jesus Christ. Now I am save (saved). ... I am nothing, but because (of) my Lord Jesus Christ, I am new person in Jesus Christ." (*Nee asked us to help find Bible studies in the Karen language for him, so he can teach his friends who cannot speak English.*)

Praise: Just today we received a lesson back with a man's testimony of salvation. The lesson asked, "Have you ever been saved?" He answered "Yes". Then it asked "When?" Raymond said "Today".

Prayer requests:

1. Health and strength
2. Help for Nee and De, to attain Karen Bible Studies. Also pray for their connection to godly contacts as both will be deported to an area that is unfamiliar to them. We fear for their safety.
3. More responses to our extra lessons sent out.
4. Continuation of the ministry through the aid of others, as God leads.

God bless, guide and keep each one of you,

The Earleys, Carl and Kay

*P.S. Check our website **bibletoyou.org** for our "Bits of home Chat", a by-weekly writeup from home and church that is added to our outgoing lessons. There are also encouragements and updates in the Blog section of the site.*