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Final Frontiers, Touch a Life, Smugglers, and Visionary Trips

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Greetings to all our personal supporters:

I had a heart attack on September 8, which they call "the widow maker," but I was near a clinic and transported to a hospital in the capital. Unfortunately, the ambulance didn't have oxygen or a defibrillator. Still, the doctor and two nurses were believers and took good care of me. I had an artery that was 100% blocked, into which (two hours later) they put a stent, and I am doing better now. I think it was harder on my family than on me. I was ready to go, though I didn't expect to die. The nurses kept trying to revive me, but I wasn't unconscious. They wanted to know why I was smiling. I said, "I may be about to see the face of the One I have served all my life. What else could I do but smile!" Thanks to all of you who helped me pay for the bill. (Insurance doesn't work well outside the USA.) You bore my burden, and I appreciate you immensely.

Visionary Trips:

We had several groups this summer, and all were successful. Pastor Mike Ray brought his children's soul-winning cartoon, which we showed almost every night at different locations. It clearly presents the Gospel and encouraged several hundred people to confess their sin and ask for God's salvation. I was amazed to see so many adults stand for twenty minutes to watch the video and pray. So many came to Christ!

Touch A Life:

This summer, the Superintendent of Schools for the capital region of Honduras approached us and asked us to open more feeding centers. As we have funds, we will, but in the meantime, we are trying to saturate our area so that no child is hungry and every child hears about Jesus.

Rayan Silie, my right hand in Honduras, was also approached by the Commandant of one of the Police Divisions and asked to teach English classes two days a week to her troops. He will use the Bible to do so. Even the country's Police Commissioner has heard of us and insisted Rayan speak at a memorial service, asking for him by name. Officers and officials often stop by to meet Rayan and learn about Touch a Life. God has given us favor in the eyes of the people all over the country.

The Great Commission Fund:

More and more American churches are supporting our Great Commission Fund each month. What a blessing because the more we receive, the more we can give to national church planters all over the world. We don't add as many new men as in the past because inflation has hit every country, and it takes much more to live than it did before. But we praise God for their triumphant efforts to win souls, baptize and disciple converts, train new preachers, and plant churches. We are also helping pastors and their wives open small businesses so that, in the future, they can be independent of support from America.

Smugglers:

God willing, I will be in the Middle East in less than a month, after fulfilling two speaking engagements at churches in Texas and California. I hope you will pray for our safety and my strength. We will be stepping into the lion's den, but we won't be alone.

In closing:

We started a new ministry this summer, thanks to Pastor Carlos Messam, one of our long-time supported church planters. For more than thirty years, I have tried to get into the government's public hospital, unsuccessfully. But so has every other preacher. Through his contacts, he/we/Final Frontiers preachers now have open access to visit in almost every ward from bed to bed. Visionary Trip groups not only bought food bags to distribute to the villages but also hygiene bags to give to the patients. What a needed ministry. The government underfunds the hospital, and very little is provided for the patients. We sadly experienced the death of a little girl born there who died at the age of four months. Her parents will see her in Heaven, thanks to the witness of Pastor Carlos and our visiting Visionary Trip groups. Watch our emails and Progress Report to learn more about this.

By the way, we now have our own Touch a Life Dental Clinic on our property. A medical clinic may be next, then a children's home (I hope). We need increased funding and more sponsors!

Just think, all this and much more, in just one of the dozens of countries where we serve God's servants.

For The King and His Kingdom,

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PS Our generous and merciful Father, loving as He is, has allowed Nolin and me to adopt a precious little five-year-old girl from Honduras. (I'll be 71 next month!) We hope to have her here in a month. Please pray that all goes well with the adoption -- if it pleases our Father. It is an amazing story that gives Him honor and will help you non-travelers understand what life is really like in the rest of the world. Stay tuned!

Oh, and pray for my sanity. Obviously, I lost it somewhere along with my keys.