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*"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6*

My wife and I have been involved in missions either through giving or serving for the past 40 years. We have written many letters just like the one you are now reading. I have heard some call them prayer letters, newsletters, missionary letters, or missionary updates. No matter how it may be described the idea is to inform the people of God that they may partner with us in prayer and supplication. Each month we thank all that support us through prayer and giving and we truly mean this with our whole heart. As I thought on the above verse and about the time of year we set aside as a nation call Thanksgiving, I wondered how many truly stop and give the gift of thanks to the LORD. I then began to think of our faithful friends that stand with us in prayer and giving and I stopped to give our LORD thanks once again for each of you and I thank him for letting us partner with you in reaching souls around the world.

The trip to Guatemala was a great blessing for me to spend time with our missionary family Josh and Melissa Hill and the children. I was privileged to preach for Brother Josh and as I preached the first message he would personally translate in Spanish. The children were such a blessing as I watched them (ages 3-6) stand outside the church and pass our flyers on Sunday morning to the passersby. I had a birthday that Sunday morning and to my surprise the church had a party for me following the services. It was such a blessing to see a young family excited about serving the Lord.

While in Guatemala we were able to meet with a couple of men that have access into the prisons. Although we were not able as foreigners to go into the prison, we did learn that Brother Josh had full access due to his permanent visa status. The men said it was not uncommon to have as high as 1200 men come out for services. We also left samples of the Prisoner's Bible Institute in Spanish. Please pray as we begin this work, pray for the translation work, need for Bibles, volunteers to help grade the lessons and an office space to keep up with the students' needs.

After a few days at home with doctor's visits and tests it was off to the home office for a couple special meetings. Through these meetings we have made plans for two areas of expansion in the ministry. I am excited to share more with you after the first of the year.

It was then off to help with the Bland Correctional Revival in Bland, Virginia. This institution has a great group of Christian men and they anticipate a time where we can preach and encourage them in the Lord. Praise the Lord that several men made decisions to press on and five men accepted the Lord as Saviour.

I am working with a missionary in Columbia on translation work and the development of the Prisoner's Bible Institute and the Character Under Construction material. The doors are open for both the prison work and public school ministries. Please help us pray as we press forward with this outreach.

Thank you again for another great year together.

In Christ's Service,

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## Titus Partners November-December 2019

*"Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." 2 Corinthians 1:11*


It is hard to believe that another year is ending and we will enter the year 2020. This next year we will begin the 29<sup>th</sup> year since we made our first trip to the foreign field and began working with our foreign partners in reaching prisoners around the world. Knowing it was an overwhelming task, the Lord led me to start our Titus Partners outreach and many of you joined us through giving and praying. The results have been amazing at how the Lord has worked through his people. Thousands have been saved over the years and many of them heard the gospel for the first time in their lives, hundreds have gone on to be discipled and are servicing the Lord somewhere in the world today. I truly believe through the partnership of prayer; the Lord has honored his servants requests. Thank you again for another great year of helping together to spread the glorious message of our Lord around the world.

Let's continue to partner together in prayer this upcoming year. These are just a few areas of prayer needs.

- **Prison Prevention Program**-2019 was an exciting year with national pastors and missionaries excited about reaching their public schools through the Rock of Ages Character Under Construction Curriculum. Training and development throughout Africa, Trinidad and Brazil were accomplished. Opportunities are opening in both Central America and Asia. **Pray as we move forward in this area of ministry next year.**
- **Prisoner's Bible Institute**-Many men and women that give their lives to the Lord through ongoing evangelism go back to their cells in need of a Bible and discipleship material. Thousands of prisoners are studying the word of God through the PBI at no charge. In order to make these lessons available and that the inmate receives their course in a timely manner, we must maintain an office and secretary on foreign soil. The need for Bibles, printing, postage and grading is a daily need. **Pray with us for the financial needs and the ongoing needs of volunteers to help.**
- **PRAY OR SPECIAL PROJECTS NEXT YEAR**
  - Plans to ship a couple containers next year are in place. The need for Bibles and finances for shipping.
  - Building Project- we have purchased property in Brazil and will begin building a new office complex in 2020.
  - Development of the Prisoner's Bible Institute in Guatemala.
  - Several translation projects in Spanish and French.
- **PRAY FOR THOSE THAT LABOR AROUND THE WORLD**

Thank you again for your faithful partnership.

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