

# BILL TABOR

MISSIONARY IN COSTA RICA

Dear Praying Friends,

It has taken me some time to write this prayer letter and I write it with a heavy heart.

My wife and the love of my life for 53 years went to be with the Lord the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. She was battling with cancer for the sixth time. She left for her new home in Heaven after two months.

My wife, My blessing. God blessed me with a wonderful woman and she was beautiful in every way. Your sweet smile, kind heart and loving spirit were so precious to me. I'm so glad God send you my way. Elaine and I were married in July 1967 and left for Costa Rica in August 1967. She was by my side in the work not just as my wife but as my friend.

Elaine was saved at 9 years of age and she brought her family to Christ. She was a faithful and loving mother of four and nine grandchildren, which she adored. She was the most excellent example of a child of God. She maintained prayer lists every day and prayed for each one personally.

In all of her trials and sickness, she ALWAYS trusted in God. Her favorite verses:

Proverbs 3:5-6

We had a funeral for her in Costa Rica at the Baptist Temple on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. She was dearly loved and over 1500 attended the services plus 24 pastors. We had a second funeral in Lansing, Michigan on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January for her family and friends in the United States. Many former students from our schools and from our churches in Costa Rica drove and flew in for the services. There were 14 pastors who attended. Special thank you to Dr. Rick Power, our pastor in the States, Grace Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ohio and Rev. Tony Luizzo, President of BEMA Missions. They did a beautiful tribute to my wife and I will always be grateful for them. A special thanks to all of you that sent cards and flowers. Our Mission church in Tegucigalpa sent 3000 dollars to help with the expenses and the Baptist Temple of Costa Rica, 2000 dollars. We have also gotten gifts from others through the mission office. Thank you so much.

Please continue to pray for me as I make adjustments in my life and ministry.

Love and Prayers,

Bill *Bill*

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