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MINISTRY SYNOPSIS JAN-AUG, 2019

Dear Friends,

Since I noticed that I have not written a regular prayer letter at all so far this year, I feel embarrassed for having been so neglectful. Among other things, on August 30th I will celebrate 50 years in the ministry and 42 years as an evangelist! It also would have been our 50th wedding anniversary. A lot has happened so I will give a brief synopsis for each month. While this may be a little longer than usual, keep reading till you reach the surprise at the end.

JANUARY: My only ministry this month involved a 13-day ministry trip to India. It was my 7th trip there and I was joined by Pastor Steve Gee from Kansas. This was Steve's first trip to India and was a real eye-opener in many ways. We ministered in city churches, rural churches and slum churches as well as three Bible colleges. It was my shortest trip ever to India but was all the schedule would allow.

FERRUARY: Brother Duane Ream from the piano faculty at BJU joined me for the first of two weeks of ministry in Peru where we presented two full classical/sacred concerts and gave an all-day music seminar on the subject of CCM. During the second week I preached in several churches in four cities and also in a school chapel for missionary children who lived in the local area. One teen was saved, and several raised their hands. I had one session at a Christian camp where more than a dozen youth trusted Christ.

MARCH: I had only one day of preaching here in Taylors and several days of travel to my spring meetings. All in all it turned out to be a time of rest and recharging.

APRIL: April was to be a full schedule with five meetings in IA, WI and MT. Two were in supporting churches, others in churches where I have been before and two were first-time ministries. The middle week scheduled for western Montana had to be canceled due to a blizzard that came through the mid-west. So I hunkered down and stayed an extra few days in Milwaukee. As a result of the cancellation, I was privileged to be able to attend and play my violin for the funeral service for a very dear friend, Mrs. George Huesinger in Norfolk, NE. It was a blessed service indeed. The snow storm turned out to be a blessing.

MAY: This month found me still in Montana (one of my favorite states) before moving on to Canada. One of the churches is a supporting church and the others were with pastors I have been with on numerous occasions. Then on to Moose Jaw, Canada, for my third trip outside of the USA this year. Always a blessed time with my friends at the Moose Jaw Baptist Church.

During the last week, Evert, Jennifer and Samuel flew out to join me for a week of sight-seeing. They arrived on a Sunday afternoon. The RV was parked at a local campground. Just as we were getting ready for the evening service, a terrifying hailstorm broke loose with golf-ball and baseball sized hail. Between the car and the motorhome we suffered more than \$15,000 in damages. In fact my car was totaled by the insurance company. God blessed, though, and within a week of arriving home, the Lord had provided

another car, a year newer with 55K fewer miles on it! The RV required some emergency repairs done by Evert, Samuel, and a man in the church! Praise God, no one was injured!

JUNE: This month was somewhat light as far as ministry is concerned. I had a 1-day meeting in NC during the 2nd week. The last two weeks involved participating in the annual conference of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America or simply the IBFNA. While I was not one of the scheduled preachers, I did a lot of music on the various instruments. The week after was a special week of fishing with my grandson Samuel who joined me for the trip. Had a great time and, believe it or not, he actually out fished me! He caught all five times while I got “skunked” two of the five times. I’m pretty sure he also caught more fish than I did. That’s OK with me. After all, he had a good teacher, right?!

AS we began the trip back home via my home church in West Chester, PA and an overnight visit with his other grandparents in VA, the motorhome broke down in NE PA. It became undriveable and was a chore getting it to a truck repair shop. The needed part would have to be ordered, so we unpacked a few necessary items for the trip home and left it in PA until the repairs could be made.

JULY-AUG: On the eve of leaving on a 2-week trip to Brazil with my grandson Samuel (his 1st mission trip), I received notice that, sometime the night before, an 18-wheeler tractor-trailer truck backed into the front of my motorhome and totaled it! Now what was I to do? Nothing, until my return from Brazil.

Now, it’s just like the Devil to do something like that: trying to distract and disrupt the ministry through discouragement. Well the Lord had other plans. In II Chronicles 20 you find the that Moab was about to attack Judah. The people cried to the Lord saying, “we don’t know what to do!” God told them through the prophet not to worry; that the battle was not theirs but His. Then, in verse 17, He reminded them that they would not have to fight this one. All they had to do was “stand still, set yourself and see the salvation of the Lord.” What a comfort! All I had to do (in fact all I *could* do) was to stand back and watch God work. It is an exciting time as we wait on the Lord to see what He will do. The Psalmist said to “*Be still and know that I am God.*” We know He is God; the hard part is the “be still” part.

MEDICAL NOTE: On September 24th, I will be having a total knee replacement on my right knee that was injured on a youth outing in 1976. As a result I have had to cancel my entire Fall schedule of meetings. For the next six months, I will only have one series of meetings in FL (Dec. 1–4). In January I will be in Israel for eleven days. February is completely open at this time for meetings. Beginning in March I have a full schedule through early July. Pray for God to supply some meetings for February as well as providing for my financial needs during this extended time of recuperation and rehab.

Thank you all for your continued interest in my ministry and for your prayer support. It means a great deal to me and I am grateful to the Lord for you all. God bless!

Gratefully in Christ for your interest & prayers,

Ken Lynch, Eph. 6:19

“God makes us lonely that He Himself may be our Companion.” Alexander Maclaren