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REPORT for SUMMER 2025

Dear Friends,

Here we are nearly to the end of August already. That means that I have just completed forty-seven years on the evangelistic trail after serving as an assistant pastor for eight years! It is hard to believe how quickly the years go by. Joan and I are looking forward to a full schedule of meetings this fall beginning with five weeks in Kansas.

Ministry Update: Since our last letter, we have been able to hold eight series of meetings, an IBFNA conference and several one-day meetings. During the month of March, at the pastor's request I was able to present six messages entitled "Principles of Christian Music", an update of the former series "Gospel Music: Blessing or Blight?" We were able to have it professionally recorded during live services at the church. We also had it professionally edited and reproduced. The final result is a set of three DVDs with two messages on each one with the added bonus of two special musical numbers on each disc, yes, including two on my new glasses. They are available for \$50 per set.

I remember well the spiritual struggles I had in Bible college about the Lord's call to serve him in ministry. Once I got "settled" on preaching, the Lord began to deal with me about missions. I remember balking and saying something like, "Lord, I said I'd be a preacher. I didn't say anything about being a missionary. I'm NOT going to be a missionary!" It's as though the Lord said, "What was that you said?" The struggle finally ended when I surrendered to go anywhere He wanted me to go. It was then that the burden for missions was lifted. You see, it wasn't that the Lord wanted me to be a "career" missionary. The Lord wanted me to be *willing* to go anywhere, do anything, be anything. Until a believer is *willing* to do just that, he or she will never know that what they *are* doing is what God wants. I say all that to say this. In spite of my saying I was not going to be a missionary, *this past July I took my 60th mission trip!* This time to Honduras with Joan and a group from the church we attend. It was my third time to Honduras.

Missions Update: Joan and I have already begun making plans for our next mission trip in early 2027 involving two weeks in Australia followed by two weeks in the Philippines. Because of the expense, we are not planning any such trips in '26.

Medical Update: Several weeks ago, I underwent a nuclear stress test. It has been fifteen years since my heart attack and subsequent quadruple bypass surgery. Praise the Lord, I came through with flying colors. Everything was normal!

Misc.: Joan celebrated her 77th birthday while we were in Honduras. Her birthday gift from me? She went indoor sky diving! Now she and a young friend want to do the real thing next summer and jump out of a plane at 14,000 feet! Can you believe it?

The Lord has been so good to us. We both are in good health, and the Lord is keeping me busy with a full fall schedule of meetings and an almost full schedule for next year. We are even scheduling in 2027 by faith! Thank you all so much for your prayer support. You have no idea how much it means to us. God bless you all!

In Christ

Ken & Joan Lynch, Eph. 6:19

