



The Bibeys

A Ministry of Helps

"For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more."

1 Corinthians 9:19

Greetings to our Supporting Churches and Friends,

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I woke up this morning with a song on my heart. It's a song we sang in the Sunday morning service here in New Bern at Calvary Baptist Church. I am not positive of the name, but the words were, "I want that mountain". This refers to Joshua and Caleb as they possessed the land that the Lord had given them. God is so good to us. I was going to say sometimes so good, but it's not sometimes, it's all the time. When I think about what I deserve, not the land that my next step will occupy, or even the air that fills my lungs as I take a deep breath, I am humbled. I know what I used to be like before the Lord saved me, and some of you knew me before also. To be able to wake up this morning with a song on my heart is beyond what I deserve. It happened at 3:30 this morning, I was wide awake and excited about what the day had in store. No definite plans, just another day to serve somehow and in some way. I had plenty of time for prayer and devotions.

The top of my prayer list this morning is our Pastor's wife. She has been diagnosed with cancer, but it was caught early. Our prayer is that the Lord will direct them in the right plan of action. We also want to thank the Lord already for what He is going to do. We love our Pastor and his wife; they are the most faithful people we know. I can't tell you how much of a blessing and influence they have been to us. Not being there with them now though hits home hard. We want to give them a hug and tell them we love them and that we are in this with them. This brings us to our biggest hurdle, the disconnection between the missionary and their home church. We have not overcome this yet. I never was one to get home sick. Our home now is on the road. Our house finally sold. What are we home sick for, surely not the house, but our family and church family. Another thing I am thankful for is that the Lord didn't call us to a foreign field. On Friday the 29th, we are heading for home. The Lord willing, we will be there for a couple of weeks. This should be the cure for our home sickness. I think of all the other missionaries that can't cure their home sickness. I thank God for their sacrifice.

We have had many adventures as we travel. The one now that tops them all is getting locked up on an active military base, in a place we shouldn't have been to start with. I hope we as a country are protecting our borders better than the way some of these bases are being guarded. Even in all of this, there was an open door to present the gospel. We constantly look for an open door, we have no idea where the Lord will put us. This is the last place I would have thought it would happen. The door was opened, then the gate was opened. There for a little while I thought I was going to have to learn to write from prison like Paul.



PS. The soldier that released us was married in the little wedding chapel in Elkton, Md. many years ago, about 12 miles from our home.

"God is so good,..." This song I've sung before.

In His service,
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