

# THE HEATHS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Sometimes, we interpret that to mean that "ONLY GOOD THINGS" happen to the faithful. I, personally, believe Paul is saying that no matter the circumstances, good or bad, these conditions come our way to make us better people. The past three months have been very difficult for Norma.

The Irritable Bowel Syndrome has now been joined by a new diagnosis, Lactose Intolerance. She has been in and out of the hospital a couple of times and to Doctors' offices numerous times. We have come to the conclusion that it takes a real man, or real woman to grow old. You cannot be a "sissy" and get the job done. We are discouraged, but not despairing. Our Lord is teaching us patience and adjustment. PLEASE PRAY THAT THINGS WILL IMPROVE FOR HER, SO THAT SHE CAN TRAVEL WITH ME AGAIN. (I had to get someone else to take some recent meetings for me, so I could help her.) Not being able to eat solid foods, Norma has lost 20 lbs., and those of you that know her personally realize that she probably needed to gain rather than lose.

## NEWS

1. The annual family week for our Missionaries will be held at my home Church, New Testament Baptist Church, Kinston, N.C., with Pastor Tim Daniels. Our furloughed Missionaries are required to attend this meeting. Our Home Missionaries must attend one family week every four years. This is a great time of fellowship and renewal for our co-laborers.

This year some of our pastors from Iraq and Jordan will be with us. There is now an Independent Baptist Church in Mosul, Iraq, old Nineveh!!! Of course, we still have the New Testament Baptist Church in Baghdad, Iraq.

2. Very soon we will introduce the opportunity of helping some of our Micronesian Pastors and Evangelists financially. You say, Brother Heath, those works are supposed to be indigenous! You are right, but the economy and income is so limited, that our Pastors for years have been holding full-time jobs. Their Churches need them full-time. The help given will not be open ended, but as their work grows and the tithes and offerings increase, then the churches will assume more of their support. I know the cost of living and the cost of gasoline there in the islands. PRAY ABOUT THIS AND THE NEXT PRAY LETTER WILL DETAIL THE PLAN.

Yours for souls,

Dalton & Norma Heath