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"CHRIST IN WHOM YE ALSO TRUSTED, AFTER THAT YE HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH..." EPHESIANS 1:13

February 2016

**Dear Praying, Caring, Co-laborers,**

A few days ago Edna and I were talking and reflecting over the last month. She made the comment about how the month of January had been a hard month emotionally and how it felt like we had already gone through the 12 months of 2016. As I look back on it, January has been a hard month. Daniel, my brother, almost lost his 2 oldest grandsons in an auto accident. Matthew, the oldest, is still in Texas Children's Hospital in Houston recovering from his injuries. Jaden, the second child, received only small lacerations, scrapes and bruises. He is home and doing just fine. Please, pray for Matthew that God would continue to heal and restore his body. He is able to walk and talk but has a lot of therapy ahead of him and will be required to wear a neck collar for the next 6 months. God was so gracious to spare the boys' lives and to protect them the way that He did. Things could have had a totally different outcome! Both boys could have been paralyzed or could have received worse injuries than they did. Even though Matthew was seriously hurt, God still had His hand on them and His loving arms around them. Pray also for Leisa, their mother and Daniel's oldest daughter, as she has been spending all of her time at the hospital and not able to be home much. God has been good to her as there has been an outpouring of support and help from both family members and friends. Also, be praying for Adam, Leisa's husband. Because of the circumstances of the accident, he has been arrested and is in jail. Pray that God will use this situation to bring Adam to Jesus and to the realization that life cannot be lived without having

a personal and intimate relationship with God.

Along with that, there have been several other individuals, some we have known personally others are people in our area, who have either lost someone in a car accident or now have children who are severally injured. It seems that there have been so many accidents that have affected so many people we know in such a short amount of time. Edna and I don't ever recall a time when so much has happened to so many all at once. It makes one wonder what in the world is going on.

Praise God! Even when we are going through difficult times or we know of someone going through a difficult time, we can still praise God. I know a lot of people ask "how can He be praised" when things seem to be in such a mess? Why should we praise a God that has allowed these things to happen? How do you praise God in a time of pain and suffering?

Let's look at the first question "How can He be praised"? First, before you can praise Him, you must have a relationship with Him. You must have received His free gift of eternal life through His son, Jesus, who died on the cross to save you from your sin. If you don't know Jesus, then, you have no hope. You have no reason to praise Him. Praising God starts with a relationship with Him. Do you realize that's why we were created to begin with? So that we would bring Him glory and honor and praise. *Colossians 1:16 ESV* "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." All

things were created for Him. So, if we are created for Him, then our purpose is to praise Him. So, if we are created to praise Him, then shouldn't we praise Him no matter the circumstance?

Why should we praise God? The Bible is full of verses talking about praise and why we should praise Him. For starters, look at the book of *Psalms*. It is an entire book dedicated to praising God. We, also, see in *Luke 19:40* that if we don't praise Him, then the rocks will. All of creation was created to glorify and praise Him.

How do you praise God? There are all sorts of ways to praise Him. It can be as simple as just saying the name of Jesus or it can be as grand as writing a book. There is no set way on how to praise God. It all depends on the moment and the circumstances. The point is not "how" you praise Him, but the fact that you take the time to praise Him. God is never interested in a show; He is interested in our heart. Sometimes our praise is nothing more than our heart giving God the glory.

The biggest reason for praising Him is that it keeps our focus on God. If you're not praising God, then you're focused on your circumstances. And, if you're focused on your circumstances, then, you start to worry. And once you start to worry, then you begin to doubt. And once you begin to doubt, then you're hopeless. And on and on and on it goes. If you're not busy praising God, then the devil has the opportunity to move in and draw us away from God.

What do you have to praise God about today?

In Christ Jesus,  
The McCollums

**LOOKING FORWARD**

As I mentioned earlier January has been a hard and long month. But even though it was a tough month it was a blessed month. We had countless opportunities to minister to people in our family and those around us.

We also had an opportunity to work with 3 local musicians from the area and provide them with sound and lights for a concert they gave. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and ministry as we were able to partner with them and share the Gospel. We thank God as He continues to find

ways for us to use the equipment we have.

A couple of church members have approached me and asked if we would be willing to assist in a concert in the park that they are planning for some time in the spring. This is something they have done in the past and said that it was an excellent way to reach people with the Gospel. Pray with us as we work towards this that God would use it in a mighty way to reach those who would not normally go to church.

I have been invited and will be attending a men's conference the last weekend of February. The conference is called *Tres Dias*. I have heard that it is an excellent time of renewal and fellowship in God's word. I am looking forward to the conference and am praying that God will prepare my heart for the message of His Word.

We are beginning to meet and get to know some of the local pas-

tors. There is a strong group of pastors in the area who are preaching the Word and loving on people. We are getting the word out that we are here and available to help pastors and churches. Pray with us as we minister to pastors, their families, and their congregations in any way we can.

Edna and I will be attending a marriage conference the week of Valentine's Day. Not only will it be a time of learning, but it will also be a time of relaxation, and a time for Edna and me to get away together. Over the last several years, Edna and I have not had a lot of time or opportunities to spend time alone together. God has opened up this opportunity, and a few others, to allow us some time to be together and deepen our relationship with Him and each other. Our prayer is that we will be able to take the information we learn from these opportunities and use it to minister to other couples. All Edna and I are asking of God is that He use everything we do for His glory, kingdom, and to minister to others.



**DVD's & PASTORS PACKS**

We were able to order and receive 2400 discs for the PPs. We are now in the process of getting them duplicated, printed, and packaged. However, we are still about \$5000 short on the funds needed to purchase the books. Please be in prayer and ask God to supply the funds necessary to be able to get the books ordered.

We have had a few requests for the doctrine books and if they might be available in quantities for Bible colleges in Mexico. There is an interest in using the books for one of the classes in the Bible colleges. The book is already being used at one Bible College, but they only have the one copy available and it is being used by the teacher. We have explained the situation to them and that we can make them available, however, we would need to get them printed and bound first. We have the money to purchase the book binder and some of the supplies needed, but we are still in need of \$600 to purchase the paper and a few of the other supplies. I will be ordering the binder in the next couple of weeks and hope to have it available by the end of February. Please, pray with us that God will supply not only the funds, but also the time, that will be required to print and bind the books.

**JUSTIN, MANDY & CHLOE**

This month we have welcomed new teammates and seen an apparent spiritual breakthrough in "Quarry Town," an area riddled with ethnic conflict. Four Pal people decided to follow Christ, and our partners were invited back to share with entire villages! During the first two weeks of February a group of 50 local believers will travel to 6 areas where there is no long-term gospel presence (including Quarry Town).

We know that our Father is our Warrior (Ex. 15:3), and He invites us to join the battle through prayer. We need you to fight alongside us! We especially invite you to join us in prayer. Gather a group or pray alone, but join us in asking the Father to do big things!



**IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF**

We appreciate those of you who send in offerings as a memorial. A card is sent to the person honored or the family members of those given in memory of. God delights to bless those who give and He blesses the

gift given. As you give, you are blessed, and others are blessed, because you gave. The memorials are used to buy the Pastors' Packs unless designated for other purposes. When you send the memorials, please, remember to include the city of the deceased and the correct address of a family member to send the card to.

**In Memory of:**

- T.C. King – Madisonville, TX
- Ben Brashier – Cleveland, TX
- Edna Jarrett – Madisonville, TX

**Honor of:**

Matthew Pope, our oldest great grandson- Madisonville, TX



Matthew at the hospital

**The Loeras**

Please pray for the Loeras as they plan to be in the states this month to speak in churches. If you would like to have them visit and speak in your church, please let us know.

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THEN AND NOW**



February 9, 1960 Cival Ceremony

We praise the Lord for giving us another year together as we celebrate 56 years this month. God has been so good to us, blessed us with our family, and given us you as our co-laborers to enable us to serve Him. I thank the Lord for my husband and that we are still together. This month, we rejoice as we share the love of Jesus through the recorded DVDs. God continues to bless the ministry of the Word as John Douglas is available to preach, travel, and continue the work that God has blessed for these many years.

**Thank you notes and calls.....**

As we rang in a New Year last month, we were blessed with notes and calls from sev-

eral who wanted to thank us for sharing the Gospel with them. They were from many different places scattered over the world. We praise the Lord for His calling on our lives and for the many opportunities He has given us to reach out to individuals in so many different places over these years. The following are notes of gratitude to us, some by phone, some by mail, and others by the internet. We thank the Lord for each one and want to share some with you.

- From Chosica, Peru – "I want to again say thank you for coming to Peru and for sharing Jesus with us, grounding us in the Word of God. We remember with joy each member of your family. Thank you for giving yourselves that we might hear and know the Gospel. We remember John Douglas as a baby and now he is grown, has his own family and we thank the Lord that he is following God's call to continue WOT"
- From Ciudad Acuna, Mexico – "I am calling to say thank you for being available to the Lord to share Jesus and His Word with us in Mexico. Because you came to us, preached, and taught God's Word, we have had the privilege of serving the Lord and seeing five churches started in our area. We also now have a Bible seminary where we are training new ones to spread the Gospel. One of the students will be starting a new mission this year. We remember John Douglas as a boy and look forward to seeing him and his family this year as they continue with WOT"
- From Monterrey, Mexico – "Greet-

ings to you at this special time of the year. We want to thank you for sharing the Pastor's Packs with us so that we in turn can share them with pastors all over Mexico. This material has helped so many different pastors."

- From Chiapas, Mexico – "Thank you both for joining our family as we share the Gospel here in southern Mexico. You have been a blessing to the work in Mexico and to our family for years and we praise the Lord for you."
- From San Luis Potosi, Mexico – "We wanted to call and again thank you for ministering God's Word to those in the Detention Center in South Texas years ago. Because you cared, our whole family trusted Christ and continues to spread God's Word in our area. Thank you, again."
- From the states - "Thank you for sharing God's Word with us in Peru. Now that we live in the USA, we are sharing God's Word with those around us, in our church, and in our family."
- "Thank you for coming and holding the open-air meetings in our area of the USA. Because of your messages, my wife and I both were saved and we are now serving the Lord as a Pastor."
- "Thank you for coming to our area of Texas and teaching us to reach out to our community. The Lord continues to bless East Texas because of you." All of these were blessings of encouragement to us, and to you, because you are a part of WOT.

**PRAISE THE LORD**

- For 56 blessed years for Earnest & Anita
- For God's protection & healing for Matthew and Jaden our oldest great grandsons
- For all who pray and give to this ministry
- For new pastor receiving the PP & DVDs in Ciudad Acuna

- For supply for the book binder
- For blessings on the Loeras and new areas of ministry
- For those of you giving toward J.D. & Edna's needs
- For the privilege of praying for our co-laborers
- For our family always

**Prayer Corner**

ready to help when we need them  
•For all the blessings the Lord allows us to enjoy by serving Him

**PRAY WITH US**

- For the ongoing ministry of WOT and for God's supply for all He

- has planned
- For the Loeras travel in the states this month
- For J.D. and family for financial support as they have stepped out on faith into full time ministry
- For God's continued blessing of His Word as

- the pastors listen to the DVDs
- For the urgent need for supply for more Pastor's Packs - We are totally out.
- For God's supply for the General Fund each month
- For supply for travel for J.D. & Edna for needed trips in the US, Mexico and anywhere else the Lord leads
- For the health needs of some of our co-laborers
- For Matthew as he will be in physical therapy for at least 2 weeks
- For our continued health needs

*Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24*