

February, 2023:

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." Il Corinthians 4:5

Dr. Terry R. Ellis, President Dr. Ricky Dunsford, Executive Vice President

Dear Pastor and Church Family:

A new year has begun with many changes. I've made it thru the first year without the love of my life my other half! To say it has been difficult is an understatement. There are still days I struggle but I am making progress.

My Heavenly Father has been so Faithful to carry His weak and hurting little lamb. The Lord is my Shepherd what more could I want or need. Those days I couldn't and honestly didn't want to go on He has been my Faithful source of strength. His patience and longsuffering thru this time has been amazing. What a Blessing to have such a Loving and Compassionate Father.

I do apologize for not writing sooner. Forgive me for allowing my emotions to control my actions to the point of this letter being so late. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. I cannot begin to express my gratitude. Your prayers have helped keep me going and the financial support has helped with repairs around the house that Don was able to do before but now I have to hire someone to do these things. God has been so good to meet every need.

The Lord has given me so much I knew it was time for me to start giving back. I am grading lessons for inmates enrolled in the ROA Prisoners Bible Institute or PBI. He has opened the door for me to go with another couple for Bible Studies at the same Institution where Don was working. There is a large facility here in Abingdon the Feeding South West Virginia Distribution Center. They supply food for multi-county food banks. They have 2 kitchens. One prepares 240 hot meals a day for afterschool programs that for many kids is their last meal for the day. The other kitchen prepares 3 hot meals a week plus supplies produce and bake goods for anyone who needs it. It is so sad to see elderly people standing outside in all kind of weather waiting for food. It has sure opened my eyes to how blessed I am!!! This is another opportunity the Lord has allowed me to serve since August '22. This has been a tremendous blessing for me. This last one I am very excited about! The Lord has put me in contact with 3 Christian ladies that have been praying and working to open a home for women getting released from

prison. It is the only one around this area. The Lord has brought it together and they now have a 54 bed facility that will start taking in women the first of March. Please help me Pray for Gods clear direction. There is a possibility I will be able to do Bible Studies.

Again let me tell you how thankful I am for all the prayers cards and financial support you have given not only now but thru the years that made it possible for Don to do the ministry he loved. May our Heavenly Father richly bless you for being such a blessing to my life.p

With a thankful heart,

Linda Dunn