

ELWOOD AND DORIS HURST

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Dear friends and kinfolks in Jesus Christ,

It is our prayer that you have a good start to this year, 2023, and you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings.

It seems unreal to this old, almost 87-year-old that these years are changing faster than we can keep up with. Again, it seems like a passing train, and we seek to jump on board one car of the train, but it is just going too fast to grab on. It is a tremendous blessing to experience this train of life with the presence of our Lord and Savior all the way and, in the end, have the assurance of seeing Him face to face. What a blessing it is to have that assurance.

Here we are, already in the first month of another year. I apologize for the stretch of time since the last letter of reporting. You are a tremendous blessing to us. Each morning as Doris and I pray, we thank God for the loyal and caring brothers and sisters in the Lord who sustain us. We thank God for each of you who pray and give that we are sustained. My only regret is that we are not able to share some action from the field to which you sent us. Again, the Lord moved our field to 109 Mary Street in Greenville. Thank you so much for your prayers and your sustaining support.

Our status is still waiting on the Lord. He is the One who is ultimately in charge and in control. As for Doris' status, she is very slowly and gradually yielding to the Alzheimers. The vital signs remain fairly steady, but other indicators gradually mark her condition. Though the vital signs are steady, there is a decline in weight. Communication is steadily fading. Figuring out what she wants to eat or any other choices is a challenge. Sometimes we do get a word or two and rarely a sentence. Those are a blessed surprise. There is no more mobility. She is either in her bed or in her wheelchair. As far as we know, she is still digressing through phase 6 of 7. We still attend church some. We were blessed to have a small part in another mission conference in Spartanburg, SC. That was an honor and a blessing. So, we wait on the Lord for His time and His will.

As for Elwood, I am still, with the help of Hospice, able to bathe Doris 5 days a week, and I am able to be Doris' caretaker. It is sometimes challenging and tiring, but by the good grace of God and the love that He put in this old heart for my wife of 64 years, we are making it. Please pray that I will be able to care for Doris for the rest of her days.

As long as we are able, we hope to visit some of our supporters not too far away. We are blessed to have the van to travel in, but Doris is not up to long distances.

Again, thank you sincerely for your prayers and for all you do to keep us going. Please pray that, though we are severely handicapped, we can be used by the Lord to glorify Him. Please pray for one of the hospice workers who admits she is not saved. I have only once been able to speak to her. Please pray we can help her come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior.

God bless each of you and your ministry, wherever it may be.

Because of Christ,

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