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A Personal Testimony

Our dear partners and friends,

As many of you know, on August 20th I was admitted into the hospital with a serious condition of internal bleeding. The doctor's first report was if they could not locate and stop the bleeding they would do emergency surgery and remove either a section or my entire colon. Following a blood scan they located the area of bleeding and did an angiographic procedure in hopes to stop the bleeding, but were not successful because they could not reach the area. My blood count had dropped to 6 so I was taken to ICU and received two units of blood. For the following 8 hours I was not permitted to move due to the angiographic procedure.

At 2:00 a.m. after passing blood, the bleeding stopped and has not bled since. When the doctors told me the nature of my colon had a 20% chance to bleed for no reason at all- (you don't know when, why or where, it just could happen), I continued confessing numerous healing passages of Scripture such as Isaiah 53:4,5; 1Peter 2:24; Ezekiel 16:6 and Romans 4:17-21, knowing that God's Word is medicine to our flesh (Proverbs 4:20-22).

By mid-morning of that day (Saturday) I improved enough to be moved from ICU to another room. Between 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning I was reading my devotions in Isaiah 53 to 56 when I

sensed a strong urge to continue reading the next chapter. When I came to verses 18 and 19 I knew why I was impressed to read further. The verses stood out like bright lights: *"I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of lips: "Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the Lord, "And I will heal him."* (Emphasis is mine)

As I lay there giving praise for this marvelous promise, the Lord's presence was so awesome and precious! Others obviously must have sensed God's presence because the doctor came to spend 5 minutes and stayed an hour talking about the Lord and our ministry in India, two nurses received counseling and prayer. My dear friend and colleague Richard Edgar called sharing what the Lord had given him to share with me from Isaiah—a beautiful confirmation! Brother Tony Abram's phone call from Wales, England was so comforting as he encouraged me not to fear because God had it all under control! Numerous other pastors and friends called to pray and share what God had given them for me.

By 10:00 a.m. my blood count was up to 8.1 and since we live not far from the hospital, the doctor said there was no need to stay in the hospital. I came home and took the following three weeks regaining my strength.

My latest doctor's report shows my blood count back to 13.

On September 13th I flew to California and have since been back on tract with my busy schedule, singing "What a Mighty God we serve"!

I am so very grateful for all the prayers, calls, cards, emails, and visits from so many wonderful friends. There is not enough money in this world to buy such precious friends and relationships we have formed with so many of God's people over the years. People who know how to pray the 'prayer of agreement' and stand with you in faith. We love you and we pray that God will continually overtake you with His abundant blessings.

MTC Update

The construction work on the first phase of our Malabar Theological College in South India is nearly completed. The work has taken quite some time because we are building as we have funds available. But when the project is finished there will be no indebtedness on it! To date, all we need is \$4800.00 to complete the construction. This, however, does not include the cost of furnishings (desks, chairs, beds, bookshelves, air-conditioners, etc.)

The ministry of this school is awesome as the faculty and student body continue to impact this region (700 villages nearly 80% Muslims) with the weekly outreaches of personal witnessing, the Jesus Film, three elementary schools, and the formation of many cell groups out of which many new churches are planted.

Currently, from our recent graduates we have six young men that have planted new churches in six areas where it is very difficult to support their families. We need \$75.00 a month to support each of these pastors and their families until they are able to be self-supporting.

Will you prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these pastors with a monthly donation of \$75.00? If you cannot sponsor a pastor, will you make as generous a donation as possible toward the completion of this construction project? This

ministry is producing tremendous fruit in the Kingdom and you can be assured that your gift is "seed" planted in soil that is producing an abundant harvest!

Don't Forget To Vote

Soon (November, 2) Americans will have the opportunity, privilege and responsibility to go to the poles and exercise their right to vote. If you have not registered to vote I urge you to do so right away! Do not take this privilege and freedom lightly that so many in the history of our country have died for. Furthermore, I urge you to pray much as you seek the mind of God about your vote.



Let God and His Word guide your decision!

Special Request

Do you have email? We need your email address to keep you informed with our latest updates and emergency prayer requests. Please send me your address at hmfiddler@insight.rr.com You can also keep up with our ministry by checking out our website at internationalfocusministries.net

I am currently conducting Missions Conferences and other services each week until the end of the year. It is a very busy and demanding schedule and we need your prayers for strength and anointing. We are so very grateful for you, and to know you are standing with us with your prayers and financial support gives us the impetus and encouragement to "work while it is day, for the night is coming when no one can work" (Jn.9: 4). We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your Partners in Harvest,

Harley and Donna Fiddler



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