

Raymers

Missionaries to Mexico



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Dear Praying friends,

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (Psalm 62:6-8)



The past few days have been some of the most difficult days in my life. On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, I received a call from my mother that my father was being transported to the ER with an apparent heart attack. About an hour later, we received the call that my father had been escorted into the presence of his Savior. This was not expected by us as he had been in good health for a nearly 75 year old man, but we rest confident that it was completely in the plans of our Lord. The Lord allowed us to find a 5:00 PM flight out of McAllen, TX that would get us into Kansas City that night. So we quickly packed our bags and drove the 3 hour trip to McAllen. We are so thankful to God that all four of us children were able to gather that evening together with our mom to comfort one another.

Dad was always ready to share his Savior with everyone. He was not pushy or anything about it, he just lived the joy of the Lord. Whether through his family, his art, his music, his teaching or his friends, his love for his Savior was loudly proclaimed. Mom and dad were prepared for this day by having everything ready both spiritually and materially. The preparations for the funeral and the services was a very smooth and comforting process. The cards and the notes that began to flow in showed to us what a large influence dad had had on people's lives. I cannot even begin to count how many shared with us at the visitation how much dad had influenced their lives. The service was a special time of remembering and celebrating the relationship that dad had with his Savior. The Lord gave me extra grace and comfort in allowing me to preach the service. We pray that God will use even dad's death in the lives of many more people for years to come.



We ask for your prayers as we walk through a new phase of life without dad. For nearly 55 years my folks were married exemplifying a what a marriage should be like. Now mom is without dad and we covet your prayers as we pray about her next steps and what God wants for her. We were able to spend about a week with her and the family before having to return home, but we have plans on returning for part of the summer to help with many of the details that will have to be arranged for the future.

My parents have been very supportive and encouraging of our ministry in Mexico and around the Spanish-speaking world. This week God has allowed me to celebrate 25 years as a missionary in Mexico. We are thankful and humbled that God continues to use our labors for His glory.

Over the past few months that Lord has really opened my heart and opportunities to work one-on-one with several young men to help guide them in the path that they should go. Please be in prayer as I

continue to work with them.

Debbie continues to work with young women and ladies in the church and community. Please be in pray for these discipleship times each week that God will continue to work in the lives of each of the participants and that they will go and share with others as well.



Carena continues to do well in her school. Her love and devotion to God is a true example to her classmates. Please pray for her as she was very close to her grandpa. She knows that God is in control and has confidence in Him.



I would appreciate your prayers as I will be flying out of Monterrey on May 31st for 12 days to record a couple of new courses for our Bible institute program. We are excited that God has opened the door for us to record a couple of Greek courses for helping the local churches and pastors.

Thank you for your love and support for these past 25 years and we look forward to working together for many more years.

Your co-laborers in Mexico,

Russell, Debbie and Carena Raymer

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