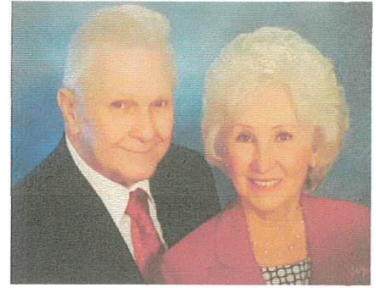


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September to December 2023 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12)

Though Thanksgiving and Christmas are different for us this year, we are filled with gratitude for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Normally, we have many of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren over for food, fellowship, fun, and praise to our great God. My cardiologist only allowed three of our family at a time. Our son Brian and his wife Rena came on Wednesday bringing food, and our daughter Kim, her husband Jerry, and their son Ronnie came on Thursday with food. We had a wonderful time with them, but 22 others were not allowed to be present. It will be the same for Christmas.

Health update After being in the emergency room two times with my heart, and having a catheterization of my arteries on September 1st, they found five blockages on the main artery to my heart. I was supposed to meet with a team of the best cardiologists in the Midwest on September 19th, but because I was doing so poorly, they put me in Christ Hospital in downtown Cincinnati on the 13th. After more testing, CT scans, etc., and another catheterization, the cardiology team decided it was too dangerous to do open-heart surgery or to put in stents. In my condition, they knew I would not be able to live through either one. My cardiologist put me on several medicines, like nitroglycerin, and scheduled me for 35 Enhanced External Counter Pulsation Therapy (EECP) for 1 ½ hours a day for 7 weeks. After getting worse and being nauseated 24 hours a day and vomiting often, they put me in the hospital twice for more tests. They found another blockage in my spleen and a defective artery in my heart, plus a few other minor problems. My cardiologist sent me to a gastroenterologist who scheduled me for an endoscopy. That was done on November 20th. They found some inflammation in my stomach and intestines. The next thing they will do is schedule me for tests on my gallbladder and liver.

Though I had 21 EECP treatments, my cardiologist took me off the treatments for weeks for all these tests and the endoscopy. Since you can only miss a day or two during the 7 weeks, I will have to start EECP all over again with 35 treatments starting on March 13th and ending on April 30th. At this point, EECP is the only option I have according to my cardiologist. If it doesn't work, they tell me that my chances for survival are not good. I still believe God is not through with me. It breaks my heart that I'm not on the road raising funds for rolls of paper, the General Fund, National Bible Publishing Month, and presenting the Bearing Precious Seed Ministry in new churches. Since I am mostly bedridden currently, Marie has a lot on her driving me everywhere to all the cardiologists and doctor appointments, hospitals, emergency rooms, testing places, and waiting on me 24 hours a day. Your prayers for us are much appreciated. Having to cancel all my meetings since June 12th, really hurts our ministry of getting out God's Word to missionaries and national pastors around the world who desperately need it to build churches that will stand.

The National Bible Publishing Month Countries For 2024 Are 10,000 Spanish Bibles for Peru, 10,000 Amharic Bibles for Ethiopia, 10,000 English Bibles for Nigeria, 10,000 Spanish Bibles for Ecuador, and 10,000 Spanish Bibles for Columbia and Venezuela. I will not be able to be in meetings, until later in 2024 if God works a miracle. If He chooses to take me home before then, would you pastors and people help me by taking on the General Fund of Bearing Precious Seed for monthly support or by having a National Bible Publishing Campaign in your church to raise funds to help us by truckloads of paper? **I really need your help more than ever.**

We pray each of you will have a Christ centered Christmas and a Spirit-filled New Year. We love you, appreciate you, and are praying for you. May your New Year be filled with God's presence and His blessings.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

Bob and Marie Ford-Eph. 3:20, 21

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