



Compelled to GO

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Dear Friends, Family, and In-Pact Partners:

Well, to quote good ol' Mr. Magoo, ***“Oh, Magoo; you’ve done it again.”*** We can’t believe it’s been over three months . . . AGAIN! . . . since our last letter. So much has happened since then ---- God continued His string of blessings throughout the entire Summer ministry season in Greer, He blessed us with a very special gift for our winter ministry in Yuma, a great start of ministry at Chapel de Oro in Yuma, the recent marriage of our granddaughter, Rachel, two weeks ago ---- and then

Jo Ann had a heart attack. Yes, that’s a shocker, but it’s true. She has been dealing with various aggravating but non life-threatening symptoms common to the aging process this past year, so when the heart attack happened, it was unclear for a number of hours just what was going on. We had “bunked down” at the motel in Deming, NM, on the way to Yuma from our granddaughter’s wedding in Waxahachie, TX, and had grabbed a couple of sandwiches to eat in the room and retire for the evening.

After a shower and without eating, she crawled into bed feeling very tired. Not long after, she experienced an intense episode of coughing followed by nausea and chills, and soon thereafter experienced severe pain in the upper abdominal area, chest, back, and arms. Thinking it was something else, we tried to sleep through the night and traveled the 450+ miles on to Yuma, arriving that evening. By 8:00 we decided to go to the nearby urgent care facility, returned to our RV, and then decided to go to ER in the Yuma Regional Medical Center.

By 2:00 AM they had determined she’d had a “serious” heart attack, but that damage to the heart was not too extensive. So, after morphine, and even though her blood pressure fluctuated around 199/99, they prepped her for a stent implant which was done around 8:00 AM. In all, she had been experiencing a heart attack for at least 36 hours before the stent was implanted in one lone artery that was totally blocked.

Since then, she has been taking \$500-per-month medications (No, we don’t have Part D or any prescription plan), recovering from the after-effects of antibiotics, and trying to endure the muscle and joint pain caused by Lipitor. Yesterday the cardiologist said to stop taking Lipitor until our appointment next Tuesday, and to treat the pain with Tylenol. Her heart medicinal treatments will continue for at least a year, except baby aspirin which will be for the rest of her life.

Please pray for Jo Ann that heart damage will be repaired, it will be strengthened, and that her endurance and energy will return quickly. Pray for the two of us as we adapt to a new modified lifestyle.

Now on to other things!

Greer Ministry: Space won’t let us give all the behind-the-scenes details we’d love to share, but summarize some of the biggies. The spirit of the community has seen a major change as chapel people committed to pray for the town all last winter. As a result, the foreboding sense of uncertainty and disunity that had pervaded for five years or more was gone, former adversaries became more tolerant with each other, several new families bought property to live year round, God used two untimely deaths to direct thoughts toward spiritual things, and the chapel fellowship was dramatically strengthened as we saw numerous miraculous answers to prayer and had new people attending services. In spite of several regular families being unable to return for the entire season, attendance remained strong and consistent, and we had first-time visitors on virtually every Sunday of the season. Even while some of our regulars faced big issues, God brought two younger new families to us.

Our weekly men's prayer breakfast (below, right) took on a new and rich quality as each week one or two of them would share how they came to personal faith in Christ. This focus came as a result of Bob preaching one Sunday from I John 5:13 – ***“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”***



It's hard to describe what is happening in both the community and the chapel itself without sounding like we are boasting of ourselves, but local business owners, chapel members, and community leaders throughout the Summer kept telling us how we have affected both the chapel and the community. We are humbled by that and grateful that our second year was a great opportunity for *“finding favor with the people”* (Acts 2:47).



One of the favored events both in the community and the chapel is fellowship around tables. What else is new? After our patio was finished at our new RV site (above), we had folks over after Wednesday Bible study to eat a light supper (below center) several times, and then of course we couldn't end the season without the annual Sunday afternoon hotdog feast at the Reichert's cabin (below right). And that doesn't include the weekly soup and sandwiches following our Wednesday afternoon Bible studies nor the monthly community potlucks!



Life in the MountainAire RV park saw similar things happen. Health issues with several Park residents gave us opportunity to minister to them and build some lasting relationships. This was especially true with a Mormon couple, an agnostic couple, a straying Baptist couple, and a couple of Catholic families, not counting some short-term folks who came in and parked in the empty slot next to us. We still remember the comments the Mormon lady mentioned as they prepared to permanently leave the park. We were so touched when she told us how grateful she was that we had come and how she appreciated our visits and Bob's prayers at park potlucks (top right and center next page).

You may remember that we asked you to pray that God would open the door for us to have a weekly Bible study in the MountainAire RV park where we live, and He did just that. We began meeting weekly in June (below right) and ranged in attendance from five to eleven each week. Out of that Bible study, three different people began attending chapel services on Sundays – one who had attended sporadically in the past, and two who started attending this year. One was a sweet 92 year old widow that just fell in love with us and with the chapel. She loved it so much that she wanted to attend services in her winter home in Glendale, AZ, where they “teach like Pastor Bob”. Well, it just so happened that Bob’s was on staff at the church near where she lives, and the hair stylist who does her hair goes to that very church and claims to remember us from those many years ago. She has gone, and loves it. This is just another evidence of how God is blessing us in Greer.



Two BIG Blessings: In anticipation of our transfer from Greer Chapel to Chapel de Oro in Yuma, AZ, for the winter season, we needed to get several thousand dollars of repair work done on our little Keystone Passport Ultralite and our 2003 Chevy Suburban towing vehicle. God graciously provided funding for all that – **“Always amazed, but never surprised!”** – so we began preparing for the move, only to have the black water tank rupture in our stationary 5th wheel in Greer, adding consternation and strain to our financial needs. The Lord led us to a fine Christian gentleman in Tucson who had 47 years experience in RV repairs, and he was able to do all the work needed on the Keystone Passport, and our faithful local Chris assured us he’d take care of the tank replacement in Greer. That was the first blessing, but the second one was even BIGGER!

As we drew closer to our departure time, we began to think about trying to find something already in Yuma, sell the Keystone, and save the headache of digressing to Tucson and then on to Yuma. We went over, and found two park models already in the park, made an offer that was accepted on one, and sat down several days later to sign the paper work. **Then everything changed.** A new family in Greer stopped by ---- and told us they felt the Lord leading them to give Life Unlimited Ministries **THIS!**



You can imagine our shock. We had known these people for only a short time, and yet they felt God directing them to invest in our ministry by providing this 2011 Heartland Sundance 36' 5th Wheel with four slide-outs. The pictures do not do it justice, and we cannot show all we'd like. After rearranging the recliners and table, and giving away the love seat couch to make room for a desk for Bob, we are cozy and comfortable. This will be our home until the end of March when we return briefly to Collins and then go back to Greer in late May.

Chapel de Oro: It means, "Chapel of Gold" and has met in Fortuna de Oro RV Resort for over 20 years, and boasts of one of the largest attended chapels in Arizona's RV parks. The resort has over 1,200 sites, and they will all be filled by the end of January. Last Sunday we had 110 in services with first-timers in each of the four Sundays so far. By next February, it is anticipated attendance will exceed well over 200. Probably half of the chapel attendees are from Canada with another 45% being from the upper tiers of states mainly from Washington to Michigan. A few are from the east or Gulf Coast states hit previously by storms. We are the first pastoral team in over a decade to actually live in the park, and both management and chapel are thrilled.



The chapel meets in the main clubhouse (above left) called the North Hall for Sunday services (above center) and also the women's and men's weekly Bible studies. It is known for its excellent praise team of musicians (above right) who not only lead in worship services, but are also often called on to perform in community and other local events. Unfortunately, that means that Jo Ann doesn't get too many opportunities to play for the services, but she doesn't mind; she'll fill in when the main pianist, who also selects the music, is away.

Other Ministries: We will have more to report about our work in Yuma in our next letter, so will move on to other ministries. Joel and Ira have seen their first graduation of students from their Global Partners Missionary Training School and have fifteen new students coming from three former USSR countries, two of which are heavily Muslim. The Farsi Ministry continues to grow almost exponentially in all fronts. The German work still has 60+ refugees each Sunday and also ten other satellite locations in outlying towns. The Facebook and TV work grows, and "M" and "M2" now teach and preach three hours a week on CBN's Farsi network to millions of Farsi speakers. Syrian Pastor Saied and his wife had to flee their refugee status in Norway because of radical Muslims and corrupt local police. Their lives were in danger and they were also facing inevitable deportation to Syria, so they fled to Germany where they now hope for permanent refugee status. We've not heard from Sergey in Siberia in many months, but his Facebook page shows continued growth and salvations among the Buryiat people.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS: Obviously there are many at this stage, and we will share more in the future, so we mention only these few.

- Praise Him for protecting Jo Ann from major damage or death over her recent heart attack, and for providing one of the best cardiologists in the Southwest to do the surgical stent implant.
- Praise Him for His continued flow of grace and mercy to us – they are His expressions of endless love.
- Pray for the new work here in Yuma. People are super excited.
- Pray for "Tony" whom we met upon our arrival. He owns a local RV supply store and hit it off with Bob immediately. Though totally "non-religious", he is wide open to the Gospel. Bob meets with him at 7:30 every Wednesday morning at a nearby coffee shop to disciple. He's hungry for God.
- Pray for our financial needs that have suddenly jumped \$400 a month for Jo Ann's prescriptions.

Faithfully in His Bond,

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