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Dear Praying Friends:

27 October 2011

**At a Glance:**

Ask God for:

- v M. to renew his mind with *the truth as it is in Jesus*, as he puts off the old, and puts on new.
- v Marian to commit to Christ as his Lord. Praise for the progress made so far.
- v Badera to understand God's grace in Christ.
- v S.'s growth in Christ & direction for life-choices.
- v Direction concerning Aubrey's vocational future. Praise God for challenges overcome!

Praise God for:

- v Buddy's miraculous recovery and confession of faith. Pray for the witness of a changed life as he slips deeper in Alzheimer's.
- v The progress with Dayspring's new well. Pray for Chris and Mark to confess Christ.
- v Dayspring's second morning worship service. Pray that God fills it.
- v God's leading concerning a potential ministry partner with Earl.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Earl

**Unabridged:**

**Buddy** is a World War II vet, with a couple of Purple Hearts. His wife Bernice has been a believer since the early days of their marriage. She has fervently prayed for his salvation, especially since he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and prostate cancer.

Buddy fell and the neurologist said he suffered a stroke and would not regain consciousness. He wanted to intubate Buddy, then withdrew his IV, and finally withheld food and water. I asked God for at least one clear day to present the Gospel again. God answered. Buddy rallied and proved the doctor wrong.

I asked Buddy if he was sorry for his sin, and believed that Jesus died and rose for him. He responded that he did. Unknown to me, his only believing son took a similar track that night. Next morning, he had Buddy tell his mother and me that he asked Jesus to be his Savior. Pray that Buddy gives clear testimony of saving faith in Christ in the days that remain.

Hear how God answered your prayers for our **well**. The accident apparently broke the old well off about 60 feet down. Mark, the EPA rep, met with Chris, the well driller's rep, and me to start the process for a new one. The meeting was just short of a bona fide miracle. The EPA rep helped me complete the 9-page application and then kept expediting the process. Each time he did, Chris's eyes popped open. We completed 2-weeks of the month long EPA timeline in just a day! Their requirements will bring us up to code for a building expansion of up to 400 The insurance settled, so there should be little out of the pocket expense. Thanks for praying!

Pray for **Chris** and **Mark**. Chris later told me that he had never seen anything like our meeting with the EPA. It has opened an on-going conversation concerning faith, prayer, and Christ. Pray for fruitful witness.

The lack of potable water has not hampered the start of our **second morning service**. Both have been well attended. We will start pushing the second service with some mailings, phone calls, and visitation in November and December. Pray that we will permanently break our building's 75-90 barrier.

**M.** has been reading his Bible and praying. He came to early service, which was a major step after the suicide attempt. Keep on praying as he battles personal demons and health issues.

**S.** wants to honor God with his life choices after he graduates from college. He's trying to figure out where to go with a romantic relationship and whether to join the Marines. We've had some great times of phone follow-up.

**Marian** and I continue to meet for Bible study. This week he translated his Slovak into English as we worked our way back to Revelation. I smiled a little, especially when we came to the *Letter of Jacob* after Hebrews in his Bible. He told me that he never saw a Bible in any of the churches that he attended in Slovakia. He wondered if the Roman Church was afraid of what people might find if they read a Bible. He wants to give his parents a Slovak Bible for Christmas. I tried the Bible Societies and Amazon. No luck. Any suggestions? Continue to pray for Marian's salvation.

Our Sunday dinner meeting with **Badera** did not go as I had hoped. She wanted Marilyn and me to have the power of attorney for her living will, etc. She thought we could just do it free on the internet. I had a bad head cold. I was not able to work in the Gospel while we were trying to complete free forms that turned out not to be free.

Continue to pray about our potential **ministry partner**. We have been meeting together both

one-on-one and family-to-family. Dayspring is now working through a discernment process. Ask God for clarity in calling, and excellent beginnings if the Lord so opens the door.

**Aubrey's** annual assessment gave us some direction about possible avenues to pursue. Pray that we receive further guidance as we look into what may be needed for a 2-years associates' degree.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Earl Shaffer