



"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee..."

Our dearest Family in Christ... at Immanuel! 9-16

I have clung to this verse in these trying days... and I do have good excuses for not writing in so very long :(Forgive us please ok? Computer not working either :(till today! Yea! You would have thought I died and went to Heaven!

On July 11th I was operated on for a knee implant. I am not sure who talked me into such a difficult operation but here I am...going on 2 months after surgery... Pain- discomfort- etc etc...as yet...but glad its over with. My time in the hospital and rehab was a special time with all kinds of opportunities to share Christ. I wanted to stay longer but of course...I didn't :)

My Daughter stayed with me before surgery and got the house cleaned up and got me packed up for the hospital. Then she came to the hospital everyday that Paul couldn't. It was very special for her to do that. The other members of my family came to visit me and brot me flowers and cards and their kisses and hugs. Paul went to CO. after my surgery to help Kevin move their worldly goods back to Tucson. So he was a tired man upon his return.

Then back home and it was a bit scary as here was all the work to be done as a wife usually does and trying to get better. Paul of course had his heart at the hangar but he kept the household going smoothly and we have survived and two visits to the surgeon Dr. has told me I am doing ok...So I must believe them...right? Still doing home exercises as the therapy in town here didn't work out. I always have bad luck when it comes to that. So I pray my leg will get better and not have the scar tissue take over...

Upon arriving home, we learned that Paul's brother in law died and so it was decided that he and our 3 children would go to MI. to attend Ray Squires memorial. I stayed home of course. I couldn't even face the thought of traveling...that was for sure! They stayed over a weekend and had a blessed time with family. Our Luke drove up from WI. with his wife. So it was...in just a few weeks we experienced death and joys of a wedding. The other members of my family came to visit me here at home and again brot me flowers and cards and their kisses and hugs. This time to help celebrate my 76th birthday and with a delicious cake and candles! What would an old lady do without family!!!

Then after all of this...We made a trip to Spokane to attend our first grandson's wedding. Our Daughter and husband were in charge of the rehearsal supper with the help of dear friends, which was held in a very

unique place. We were glad to be part of that as well as Paul shared his heart with the couple soon to be married.

Our Grandson married a beautiful young woman who loves him and loves the Lord...and we are grateful we had that opportunity to be there and witness it first hand! A dear Friend bot a wheel chair for me and it was used much of the time as the wedding was held outside in green grass :) The Lord gave us lovely weather, a bit warm in the direct sun but we all survived and thanked God for making it such a blessing to us all. Folks there in Spokane have spent much time with our grandson and his wife to be then and we are grateful for their desire to do such a sweet thing. The man married Michael and Tiana in a very sweet ceremony! It was our joy to meet folks in Michaels world that love and appreciate him! We (Lisa and Kevin and I) had to leave the very next day after the wedding to return to Tucson and our flites were delayed as there were dust storms in Phoenix and all planes were directed to Tucson...So it went... We arrived late and were exhausted.. Now our trip is but a memory and we long to hear from our newly married grandkids upon their return from their honeymoon :)

- * We want to thank you for remembering us in your prayers and for your gifts to us, and also the many that sent cards for my birthday and for my operation. We are grateful to God for the part you have had in keeping us going in this work of Missions... Paul and Larry had opportunities to share in a church there in Spokane and the Lord blessed their ministries there. Paul, Larry and his family flew to WA. in our small 185 Cessna but were happy to be back down on the ground there and then back home! God gave a safe trip to us all!
- * Do pray for complete restoration of my old body after this operation. I would so appreciate that... The trip I know didn't help my condition but I did so want to attend the wedding! But now it is weeks later and am still without much strength :(

Guess that is all for now... I could write about other things but then this letter would be too long... We have experienced a very hot summer and are looking forward to a cooler fall. Lots of rain that made our weeds grow knee-high!. But our figs also grew well so we had blessings to be thankful for!

We love you dearly and thank God for this privilege of sharing our hearts with you on paper... Paul and Pat Dye

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