

# CORR Ministries

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Greetings Our Dear Friends & Supporters,

This is our opportunity to **thank you** for standing with us over the years with **your finances, prayer, friendship and trust** as we have ministered to inmates, parolees, and missionaries from our rented home here in Turlock, CA. In our last letter, we mentioned our time of transition right now. **It has been an interesting time.** Liz has gone through extensive heart treatment for her a-Fib; that was finally solved with meds and a CPAP machine which quietly keeps her oxygen level up during sleep. She had some procedures 6/27/18. A pathology report diagnosed her with uterine cancer. God led a team of doctors at Stanford to completely remove the cancer through a radical hysterectomy. After that surgery, team #2 came in and a Gyne-Urologist operated on her and did some pelvic repairs. So she had two different surgeries 7/30/18. When we heard the pathology report on that, we learned she had a malignant tumor growing in her left ovary! Praise God it had been removed!!! After she recovered from all that, she resumed her year-long process to have gastric by-pass surgery. That was done 9/26/18 and again the operating surgeon discovered a growth on the lining of her stomach which becomes malignant as it grows! He removed it!!! He also removed some scar tissue that plasticizes over time! Only God could have helped with all those discoveries! Liz is recovering from that surgery now.

In May 2018, **I was asked to resign** from the Missionary Gospel Fellowship (MGF) office in Turlock where we have served for 13 years. There are two "however's"; **I** am still working in the office until a replacement is hired; **we** will still receive our financial support through MGF. Shortly thereafter, our church discontinued the traditional worship we had led for 12 years. There was also a possibility we would need to move from our rented farmhouse. That has not happened yet, so we thank God for each additional day.

**Any God-fearing person** might come to the conclusion that the Lord is closing doors and opening others in our lives. Change is not always wanted but Liz & I feel a great big hug from the Lord right now; yes, I (Bruce) have struggled through all of that, and those times of Liz's illnesses & surgeries scared me to death. I have been forced to

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take a step back and admit I am not in control of my life. That painful and humiliating experience is enabling me to take a step forward toward what God wants next for us. I just heard today in church, "God's focus is not to fix all my problems in this world (on earth), but to build my character and activate my faith so that my life will reach people, encourage people to hang on, to grow, to know they are valuable to God, and to realize that **waiting patiently & faithfully on God's next step** for our lives is the right move, the most important move, and the only move that will honor God with my life." He doesn't need me. He wants me. He wants Liz & me to be in the right place to shine.

Recently, Liz joined two other ladies who go to four nursing homes in the area, and she plays the piano for their services. One of the ladies is the Salvation Army Major here in Turlock.

We really need your prayers as we continue to serve where the LORD directs. Sometimes the journey has felt rather over-whelming, and then when we've cried out to Him, He has responded with encouragement sent to us by you and/or others who are on our team! As we serve, because of your investment in our lives, you are serving right alongside of us. We continue to need you and as we take a leap of faith to walk His trail high on the cliffs and crevices of the future, expenses will continue and we are most thankful for God's promises that where He leads, He will provide for us – it is so comforting to know many of you have been onboard for quite a while and we pray, will continue. If others of you haven't quite figured out what you'll be able to do, pray about it and as God leads you, we'll be thankful for what you are able to do.

Several of our **former prison Bible College students** have been in contact with us and we have been full of joy when we've heard of their present day walk with the LORD! We thank Him so much that we had a part in their lives. Nothing compares with knowing God's work is still going forward in their lives all these years later! Praise God!

**\*\*\* Financial support should be sent to: MGF, PO Box 1535, Turlock, CA 95381 (Project 89). \*\*\***

With love & prayers,

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