

## Ministries

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Greetings Family and Friends,



It is so good to get to say hello to all of you out there. Liz and I are still going strong and are very grateful to the Lord for that. As we mentioned in our last update, we have moved back to our home in Pine Valley, CA (45 miles east of San Diego). My (Bruce) priority has been to continue studying, preparing materials for our prison students, and trying to

communicate with the chaplains. Liz's energies have been focused on communicating with

donors, and with getting her health & strength back after her incredible health issues of 2020. Together, our hearts ache that we cannot go inside the institutions. The staffs and inmates have been suffering with isolation, lack of programming, and yes, even the COVID-19. The men inside



worry about the volunteers since they do not see us nor hear from us. It has been a long time for them now. We see this empty classroom in the prison and remember the good times we had with our guys. Every prison volunteer that I know is feeling this pain. During this period of mid-March 2020 until now, some of our supporters have stood strong with us. Thank you.

With this pause in our prison programming, God knew I (Bruce) needed some time to recover from my own health issues. Another burden on my heart was our home. I took Liz in 2005 and move to Turlock to serve in our missionary headquarters. While we were gone from here, our home sat empty, deteriorating slowly. Then, we had three separate renters who caused great damage and lots of expense. It was my responsibility to put our home back together. I thank the Lord every day for paint and caulking. I also thank the Lord for the strength to work on this house from early until dark every day. I thank the Lord that during that period Liz was able to recover health-wise, and enjoy rich times with our daughter & husband, and the



grandchildren in Utah. Thanks to our children who helped us buy things and install things for the house. Thanks to those of you who helped with prayer support, funds, or a phone call.

Since Liz returned from Utah in September, I (Bruce) have been very useful:







One important thing we did was remind ourselves often why God created us in the first place.

## **Bruce**

## Liberated from Obstacles

When we have trouble or calamity, is it because he doesn't love us anymore? And if we are hungry or penniless or in danger, has God deserted us? No, for the Scriptures tell us that for his sake we must be ready to face death at every moment of the day; overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us. (Romans 8:35-37)

When Bruce faces one battle after another, does he give up? They keep coming but he keeps fighting through the woods. He is more than a conqueror because God loves birm.



Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born. I set you apart; I appointed you as a messenger to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5)

God determined the purpose for Elizabeth's life before she was born, and He has been teaching her how to understand and how to live out that purpose ever since.

If you would like one with your name on it, send me a note.

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All of our lives matter and are valuable to God. "Lord, we have nothing to offer the inmates if we have not offered our everything to You."

Pray with us for an increase in our monthly support; please become a part of our financial team if the Lord moves your heart that way. Pray for our strength and health – God has blessed!!

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ALERT!! THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT IN SOME PRISONS TO BEGIN ALLOWING VOLUNTEERS IN AGAIN. WE ARE READY!!

May you be strong and patient in the Lord as you endure the fears and disappointments surrounding you. As Liz reminds me, "God is the blessed controller of all things."

## Bruce and Liz

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