



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

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Dear friends,
Hello again in the glorious name of Jesus! We feel privileged to be able to write to you, honored that you read our letters, and grateful beyond words for your prayers of agreement.

Update on Jackie's leg...

We want to give God glory for His faithfulness in the healing of Jackie's leg. Her left leg was broken on December 22, a rude interruption to the Christmas holidays. It has temporarily changed our lives in dramatic ways.

While she was in the emergency room, Jackie was assigned to a well known orthopedic surgeon. We did not know until later how highly respected he was. During the weeks since surgery, the doctors and physical therapists have been very graphic in describing what her leg "should" look like - distorted with swelling. Without exception, they are amazed at the absence of swelling in her ankle and leg. Though we believe the Lord blessed us with the work of a skilled surgeon, it is God that has caused such rapid visible healing.

Nevertheless, the doctor's post-operative protocol is for no weight bearing on that leg for at least another month. This is the hardest part of the recovery. It means she requires assistance in most things, as she hops around with the aid of a walker and crutches, and almost all household chores are left to John. Caring friends have provided many meals over the last two months, which has been a tremendous blessing. Words fail to express our gratitude for the help of friends during a difficult time.

From the beginning, John and our children were told to prepare themselves for the possibility that osteoporosis or the return of cancer from twenty years ago caused such a severe fracture from such a short fall. Jackie knew in her heart that her bones were healthy. She now has the bone scan report in hand that proves her bones are healthy and strong. Hallelujah! A month from now, we believe an x-ray of her leg will show excellent bone growth, cementing bone fragments! Thank you for your agreement of faith with us.

Meanwhile, our best friends from Ukraine will soon arrive at our house...

Gregory and Galina arrive March 17...

For twelve years we have been going to their city, their home, and their churches. We've visited them dozens of times. (Thanks to the support of many of you!) Now, for the first time, they will visit us! We are excited about their coming and we want you to meet them!

Your First Calling conference, March 23-25

As the enclosed brochure indicates, we will have three days of special meetings with Gregory and Galina around the theme of your first calling -- to be with Jesus. As the team has met for prayer, we have sensed a great expectancy for a moving of the Spirit during these meetings. Don't miss it!

We are grateful for you...

A big thanks again for standing with us in faith and prayer. Thank you for supporting us and the Churches of Praise financially. We need big miracles every month!

Goodness and mercy are chasing you!!

This morning I (John) was meditating on Psalms 23, and was attracted to the word "Surely". "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..." The Hebrew word for "surely" means certainly, absolutely, positively. This means that goodness and mercy will certainly, absolutely and positively follow you all the days of your life! You can count on it!

The word "follow" also attracted my attention. The Hebrew word for "follow" means, "to run after, or to chase." Goodness and mercy will chase you the rest of your life! For sure! Without a doubt!

You may not see the goodness and mercy ahead of you. God has planned that we walk by faith and not by sight. But you can count on the fact that His goodness and mercy will come from behind, catching up to you, even running after you! Hallelujah! Something wonderful is chasing you - His goodness and mercy!

With love,

John and Jackie