

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EVERYONE 2014

Fred's 90th Birthday Party on October 7th was wonderful. Tom and Corrine Palmer, New Tribes missionaries from Papua New Guinea came to help us celebrate. Manna Board member Arvid VanDyke brought a basket of goodies from Board Chairman and his wife... and a big "Happy Birthday" balloon floated from the basket! Every time Fred visited PNG for ministry he visited Tom and Corrine Palmer. He has prayed for them every day since they met in 1959!

Life took a U turn on November 15. Fred fell and fractured two ribs. Not knowing any better I was trying to get him turned to sit down and have his supper when he sat down alright but knocked me over in the process. We both ended up in ER. After a head scan and X-ray of my hand I was released. Fred was kept for observation.

On 17th Fred was brought to the Health Care facility at Sunnyside – which is in another building on campus. A shuttle runs every hour Monday-Friday so I can visit most days. He was started on therapy – lots of it – immediately. And, he is getting stronger but not strong enough to come home to #205.

The hospital doctor increased his Parkinson's medication. When Fred told me what he was taking I knew in my heart it was wrong. I couldn't wait to call his neurologist, then our primary physician, who is in the same practice as the doctor attending health care patients. After they had a mini conference the Health Care doctor called me and thanked me for alerting him to the 'heavy' dose. He had already changed it to a small dosage. It was so 'heavy' the neurologist told us that his blood pressure would have dropped so low he would have collapsed - it would have ended his life here on earth! He also said, "God must want to keep you here for some reason!"

Please pray that he will soon be strong enough to come home. I don't think you would believe me if I told you how much it all costs. Jeanette and Gay came for several days and both were impressed at the care their dad was receiving.

AT 90 YEARS OF AGE MANNA STILL MATTERS TO FRED.

NEWS FROM CONGO.

The national Manna Representatives are the very core of Manna Publications. Only today I read a report from Congo. Pastor Umba visited a new Bible School in Kasaji for three days. Those days were spent explaining how to use the Manna books for personal Bible study or in Bible study groups. Many bought the books and were delighted to read these precious books in local languages, dialects and French. He wrote, "One bought Mark Part 1 from our 'poor table'. When he read this book the message touch his heart and he gave his life to Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord.

NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA:

The Sudan Interior Mission Printshop has printed Manna for many years in Oromo and Amheric. A missionary from UK plans to fly out to train 300 students and future church leaders in the New Year. Six hundred 'Acts' Bible Commentaries have been ordered from SIM in two local languages for this program. Then six hundred 'Manna for Children' Bible Study books have also been ordered. This warms the cockles of my heart. I cannot praise God enough to hear of children learning about Jesus.

CHILDREN IN CHRIST:

A few months ago we had lunch with the founder of this Children's Bible Club movement in fourteen African countries. Most are in Muslim West Africa. I cannot wait to tell you about her. Terry Andrews is married to a World Vision missionary and everywhere he goes Terry goes along too! In no time she realized that the children were the one thing neglected by the church. It broke her heart. Finally she approached good solid Pastors and persuaded some of them that this is the church of tomorrow – and also children have a role in the church of today. Little children can and will witness, pray, sing and enter into the life of the congregation if given the opportunity.

Pastors were asked to take her Seminars to equip them for the day Terry had to move on. When she started a Bible Club for the children many responded. As soon as Terry's husband had to move on, the club was left in the hands of the pastor or pastors who had graduated from her seminars.

Terry also told us that most of those pastors felt the need to repent before the Lord for neglecting these little ones. Today there are 250,000 children registered in the CIC clubs throughout Africa. Terry loves the 'Manna for Children' Bible study books and the children love the crayons! Even Muslim children love to join in because of the crayons.

Pastor Festus wrote and told us that he visited three clubs in Niger recently and found children who asked for prayer. They asked us to pray that they will be lights in their homes to light the way for their parents and siblings. Pray please for these little children as they start their new life with Jesus.

We have the burden to pray for our grandchildren. They are facing a violent world – just like your grandchildren. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when He comes back to redeem His Church." Even so come Lord Jesus!

We thank you for your fellowship, prayer and support over the years.

God Bless you and your family this Christmas,

Fred and Lorna

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