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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the name above all names Jesus Christ. We begin this letter by expressing our gratitude for your faithful prayers on our behalf. In our last letter we asked for your prayers on behalf of Helen's dad, JT Coffman. He is 99 and after the passing of her mom he decided to sell his house and move in with us. The Lord worked in great ways to make this happen. The house needed lots of repairs yet it sold at a difficult time of the year. Her dad knew what he wanted and he was able to get exactly that amount.

We were able to move Dad to our house in Gatesville on December 9th. It was a huge task to go through all their treasures of over 76 years of marriage. Helen also wanted to make sure everyone got something that was a special memory to them. Helen's dad is adjusting well to his new home with us which is difficult at his age. God has been so good! He has already changed his membership to the Calvary Baptist Church in Gatesville, Texas.

Now that we are back in Gatesville, I'm able to preach again in our church sharing the pulpit with others in our church and with visiting preachers. Our church continues to be in need of a pastor. Thankfully the church continues its ministries with children, and we have had salvations, baptisms, and additions to the church. Our mission giving is still very good. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in finding the man God has for us.

The church in Monte Gordo, Brazil continues to thrive. They celebrated Children's Day with a well-planned program with various activities. It was attended by over 200 children, youth, and adults.

They have also celebrated in November the legal organization of the church. This takes a long process. God supplied all funds. It was an exciting celebration with many testimonies and blessings. We were not able to attend, but we were able to send a message by video.

They have celebrated a wedding ceremony, baptisms, dedications, and a ceremony to celebrate the graduation of three ladies from a course for the children's ministry. They have five that are studying in the Bible Institute. Everson is preaching occasionally in the church service. We are thrilled to know God is moving in so many ways.

Thank you for being a part of our ministry. We are very grateful for each and everyone who prays for us faithfully and supports us financially. May our faithful Lord and Savior bless each one abundantly!

In His Service

Alton & Helen Smith

II Thess. 13:1 - Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: