

Keeping Up with the Joneses

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“Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother...” Eph. 6:1-2a

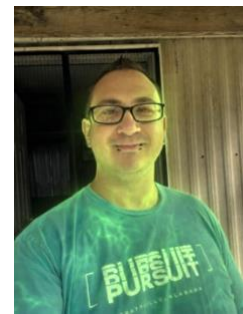
Dear Family and Friends,

This month has special significance for us...in several ways. As you might guess, with a family of nine children, 21 grandchildren, and 3 great grands, AnnaMae (Mom, Momma, Granna) holds a most special place in our family. God has truly blessed me, our family and ministries in so many wonderful ways because of and through her and she is truly worthy of special honor.

This month is also special for us because it marks the completion of 25 years of ministry with Drive-In and the start of another. It's hard to believe but true. You would think that after 44 years in ministry we would be taking it a bit easier, but as we see how the ministry is growing and the need to prepare the next generation to take our place, we are pressing on. We are very grateful for the special coworkers He has brought to us so far and ask for your prayers for them and for others to join with us too.

Stephen and I, and a friend from church just returned from a short trip to Dominican Republic to look at another possible international ministry partner. Please pray for our Board as we seek to discern the Lord's will in this and others at our meeting May 29-30. After I get my passport renewed soon, I will begin making plans to travel to Cameroon later this summer to set up the MU, and include some needed work in Nigeria as it is a neighbor to Cameroon. As you know, money is tight these days across the board, fuel especially, so being a mobile ministry brings special prayers for extra provisions.

Our Challenge... when things begin to “change” in our lives sometimes we wonder if we are going in the right direction with God. So we pray and He answers. We are excited to celebrate our new granddaughter, Theadora Jane, born on Mother's Day, which was also Samuel's birthday. Both are doing well and four days later Elsie graduated K5. Such blessings to keep us going! Timothy had his radiation pill last week and seems to be adjusting, just fatigued and praying for healing. Charlie's cast is off her leg, and she is healing well. My brother, Dave, came home from the rehab and his hip is healing. We are preparing for Mike's family to come here this weekend so the “cousins” can spend time together for fun and encouragement. With the board meeting next week, I'll need your prayers in the preparation (minutes, reports, etc). The days are busy, but God is so faithful to honor our obedience. Thank you for loving our family as they help us in this ministry in so many ways. Love, AnnaMae



My whole life has revolved around family, biologically and spiritually. My dad being a pastor meant I had a lot of moms, dads (who helped raise me), brothers, sisters, etc. Being a pastor was another aspect of similar family, and in these years as a mission leader the same is true. I begin these letters to family and friends, but in our hearts you all are family. Thank you again for the relationships you allowed the Lord to build with us over these years. May it continue until He comes to take us home together. *In His service together, Mike & AnnaMae*