

Bill & Therese Williams

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LATE PRAYER LETTER

I feel I must begin this letter with an apology to my faithful supporting churches as I am a month late in corresponding. My only excuse (not reason) is due to the fact that in May and June, I (Bill) had a minor operation, but the recovery was extensive and complicated. Also, just two days ago we finished working in our third week of camp during the month of July. So.... I am sorry I am just now getting this letter out. I will try to get another one out in September after camps are over.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

As mentioned earlier, Bill has had a minor operation, but is now almost fully recovered. Therese as well is having health problems. She has come to find out this late in life that she is allergic to about two-thirds of the foods that she was eating. She is presently on an extreme special diet and is seeing very positive results with her overall health. *We both appreciate your prayers as we traverse these health issues.*

PASTORATE TRANSITION

It has been over six months now since Valentin has officially become the pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia; and we are so pleased to report that, in spite of normal hitches and glitches in this transitional phase, Pastor Valentin, and I, the pastor emeritus, as well as the church are all proceeding very well. The Lord continues to bless FBC with increasing attendance as well as souls saved and disciplined in the doctrines of the Word of God. This past Sunday, in spite of vacations, there were 62 in attendance with five first-time visitors.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CAMP

As mentioned above, last Saturday Therese and I finished working in the third week of camp at the Mount Calvary Baptist Camp. There will be three more weeks of camp this year, and every week has campers on the waiting list. Last week was the high school camp. There were 104 campers present; with six from our church. Three young people made professions of faith, and more than 30 other decisions were made throughout the week. The theme was "Jesus is Coming Soon."

The middle of July was the junior high camp. There were 99 campers present with nine from our church. Fourteen teens made professions of faith including a 13 year-old girl from our church, Alessandra. Please, *remember Aless in your prayers as she has been a very troubled pre-teen.* We are working with her parents to help her get baptized and grow in the Lord so that her emotional and psychological problems might be resolved.

The first of July was the grade school camp. There were again over 100 campers and 24 professions of faith. *Pray for all those who made professions of faith in these three weeks of camp that they might be genuine and a there would be a good follow-up in their respective churches.*

CAR TROUBLES

On the way home from the junior high camp, Bill was driving the old church van, a 2005 Ford Tourneo and Therese our personal car... a 2009 Ford Focus station wagon. We were driving on a limited access highway at 70 mph when suddenly the motor in the Focus made an awful rattling noise and just died. Thank the Lord that Therese was able to get over on the shoulder right up next to the guardrail and stop the car. The Lord protected all eleven of us (nine teens) even though we were stopped on a curve in the highway with hardly room to open the left-hand doors to exit the vehicles. After getting the kids on the other side of the guardrail, we were able to get a wrecker to tow our car, and get off the dangerous highway. Our diesel motor with about 150,000 miles on it broke a valve which broke a piston, so it has to be rebuilt for about \$3300. We know the Lord will provide for this unexpected expense. *We are just so thankful for God's protection in the midst of a very dangerous situation. Thank you and God bless you all for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry!*

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