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*Answering the call for Help from the Local Church,
Missionaries & our Youth while serving in Mission Evangelism*

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Please forgive the impersonal appearance of this prayer letter and its brief nature. I generally try to catch up with our communications the first of July each year as soon as camp concludes, but I experienced some significant set backs physically this year. I wanted to briefly update you on the summer and our medical situation.

May – the tract program at Gulfport, MS was a great success. PTM raised over \$5000 and assisted with the folding of 1,059,000 tracts headed for the Philippines.

June – Camp numbers were down this year, but the hand of God was real. Between rental weeks and weeks that I preached and/or moderated we saw about 30 precious souls saved!! PRAISE THE LORD.

July -- I concluded the camp work at Sand Mountain and headed to the North East Ga Youth Camp to preach the next week. On Monday morning, I woke up with what I thought was a 'catch' in my side under my rib cage. (In reality I had not felt well for about three weeks and was extremely tired.) This pain progressively got worse and I began to be slightly feverish. I visited the emergency room on 7/8 and was diagnosed with pleurisy and pneumonia. I was treated with antibiotics in the ER and at home. My condition worsened. I visited my family doctor on 7/13 and the medications were increased. My condition did not improve. I was hospitalized on 7/16. After several days of treatment and a battery of test and procedures, a Pleural Effusion was discovered around my lung. This is basically a pocket of fluid caused by the pneumonia. On Monday 7/20, a Thoracentesis was performed where a needle is inserted through the back – unfortunately the fluid had congealed and could not be extracted. (The Surgeon explained that bacteria leaked through the lung and grew in the normal fluid until the body couldn't get rid of it any longer). On Wed 7/22 I was moved to Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta and prepared for a VATS (Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic with Full Decortification of the Right Lung). This involves two incisions between the ribs. The congealed fluid and bacteria is removed. The individual compartments of infections (looks like a honey comb) were broken up and the lung and cavity are scrapped. The surgery was performed on Thursday night 7/23. I came through surgery with three chest tubes for drainage. One was removed Sunday morning and the other Monday morning. I was discharged at 9:30 on Monday night and am at home today following 12 days in the hospital. Two weeks and the sutures will be removed and in about a month I have to go back for another CT scan to be sure the lung has healed properly. (The final CT scan at the hospital showed no fluid outside the lung and good improvement in the lung.)

Somewhere in the midst of all the pneumonia and all the strain on my breathing, etc my heart was distressed and had a brief irregular beat and some chemical signs of stress. After the infection is dealt with, I will have to have this checked out with a cardiovascular work up. The general consensus was this was not that abnormal considering the stress that my body was under fighting the infection.

The recovery will be slow – I have lost a lot of strength and stamina. I will have to take small steps back each day. Obviously my July meetings were all cancelled and I have also cancelled all August meetings to allow ample time to recover and get back in the saddle – WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS EVERYDAY!!

I am grateful my precious wife who has been such a wonderful care taker and my Mom and Dad who have been there to help with me and also taking care of the baby. Such an outpouring of care and concern – cards and visits from so many friends!! May God Bless You All.

Serving Because of Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane Moore".

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