



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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Beloved,

Yes, you haven't heard from us since November. In our last letter to you, we commented that these were very challenging times for everyone, that we must be prepared for what is yet to come, and that only a dynamic relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ will see us through. This does not suggest that we are like pawns on a giant chessboard waiting for the next player's move. We know that the Lord is sovereignly working out His purposes for the entire universe and for us, not as mere innocent bystanders but as active participants in this drama called Life.

This last Christmas was very different for us. Although two children of neighboring friends helped in mounting and decorating our tree, we hardly turned on the lights after Christmas Day. The excitement of past years just wasn't there. Perhaps it's more than our age; our focus has shifted. Beyond the tinsel, lights and gifts, we wanted to celebrate Christmas as God bringing to humanity the greatest revelation of all time - His own Son, ('God in a human body' (Col. 2:9, NLT)), to live among us and to reveal the Father and His purposes to us (Heb. 1:1-3). We are gripped by this profound Truth and its significance to us today. Because Christ came to earth as a man, we who know Him as our Lord and Savior, can find meaning and have hope regardless of the circumstances.

This year began with a test of whether we really believed that. On January 5th, Dolly fell ill. Within two hours, she moved from being fine, to not feeling well, to shivering with a very high fever. It was quite a night. The following day she seemed fine and tested negative for COVID. On the 7th, we called in the Doctor who immediately diagnosed her as having Pneumonia. He began a combo of aggressive treatment and frequent blood tests. She was very ill but within a few days, the Lord brought her through the worst. Now, her only lingering problem is her tendency to sudden dips in her energy. Praise God she is gradually overcoming this by exercise and drinking lots of fluids. But she was very ill.

Meanwhile, in December, I had been diagnosed with a pinched nerve in my lower back. Because of Dolly's illness, I had to put my own treatment on hold. I am consulting a neurosurgeon (a delightful young man who loves the Lord). We are agreed on avoiding surgery by other interventions. So, I am being gradually helped by twice-weekly physio and pain killers when necessary.

In just five months, I twice witnessed the Lord bring Dolly back. We thank God for His mercies towards us and, by His grace, we believe He is working out His larger purposes for us. Our Lord is worthy of all praise!

So far this year, sluggishness has characterized the ministry. For one thing, there were our illnesses, and then the lethargy brought on by the pandemic. The main group who had shown so much promise and into whom we had been pouring much, have been caught between going back to the “same old, same old” of which they had complained when they first invited us to share with them. Our goal was the same as with other groups - to help them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

We know you and several others from so many countries have been praying for us when you were mostly in the dark about our circumstances. We are privileged to have been the subject of your prayers and are deeply grateful for this. Please continue to remember us as you intercede.

We also remember you in our prayers and give thanks for your faithfulness in your support for the ministry.

May He who is faithful continue to supply all your needs and those of your loved ones and bless you with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

Much love to you all.

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