



Dan and Debbie Morris

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Dear Pastor and friends,

Our recent "furlough" (someone said it means you travel "fur" and feel "lough") began the last day of May after a three day drive to the border. Five days later we were in Missouri when my sister called from Roswell with the heartbreaking news that my mother, Geneva Morris, suffered a heart attack and, after a short while in the hospital, peacefully closed her eyes for the last time here and open them to the glory of heaven with her beloved Father and Savior, and the loved ones who had gone before. She was 92 and we knew she was approaching the last round of this earthly race before reaching the finish line. I thank God that mom set an example and ran the race to the end. My brother-in-law Bill took a picture of her and Doyla 45 minutes before she left us. As I looked at it, her eyes were barely open but peaceful and the thin smile on her lips seemed to gently say to me "I'll see you in heaven son." Only a year ago she had flown with me to Chiapas to play the piano she had donated to our church on their anniversary Sunday. It was one of many thrilling experiences she had in her life of service to our Lord. On our flight home she confessed that she fully intended to convince me that after 46 years it was time to come home. "But when I saw how your people love you and how you love them, I thought no, that's where you belong." How I will miss her positive outlook and loving hospitality.

We arrived home a week ago after the 10 week journey to report to some churches we had not seen in many years. The US Embassy had advised me of a danger of traveling from Reynosa, which just happens to be the point of our border crossing. I understand danger and did choose the most traveled highways but we always remember the multitudes of chariots of fire that Elisha's servant saw, and we know there are still "more for us than for them." We got through customs and immigration (for our grandson Luke who accompanied us) easier than ever before and arrived at our first stop in Tampico without incident (Luke may disagree with that as it was his first experience of driving in Mexico). God is in control and although he has allowed many trials, he has never failed us.

The ministries here continue to thrive in spite of many obstacles. During my absence the construction of the Bible College/School project came to a temporary halt for the first time in over four years. It was not due to the lack of funds, as God has provided miraculously in a continuous way. The cause was a lack of laborers due to some large government projects that can pay more, and frankly the large number who have gone to the United States to find work. Please pray that God will provide this need also as He has provided every other need. Also please pray that we will be able to obtain the necessary permits to open the kindergarten and junior high school, and have the necessary number of teachers and students to make our vision come to pass of providing a source of funds for work scholarships for the Bible college students. By the way, we have 18 new Bible College students so far for this next school year, and I am praying for at least 20.

Yours in His service,
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FOR THOSE WHO KNEW HER



Enjoying her great grandsons



"I'll see you in heaven son."

Dad and Mom are together again.



At 90, playing in service at Tabernacle Baptist