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Dear Beloved Brethren:

Joan and I once again would like to express how much we appreciate your cards, letters, phone calls, financial support and most of all, your prayers. You have been so loving and kind in your comforting words and gifts. We continue to marvel how great it is to be part of the Family of God.

Your encouragement about our many years of service in the kingdom and your desire that I be able to continue in good health in God's work brings tears of joy to my eyes, a lump in my throat and humbles my heart. We thank you so much!

These are the events of my health condition this year:

- On January 16, biopsy surgery was done and revealed that the cancer had returned in one small place in the anal area. All five of my doctors agreed that all the anal and rectal areas must be removed since these new cells would grow very fast.
- On February 8, these were surgically removed along with one foot of colon and the connecting lymph nodes. No cancer was found, seeming to indicate that the returning cancer was limited to one small area. In addition, a permanent colostomy area was put in place.
- On March 29, surgery was performed to help the healing process of the open wound where the rear surgery had been done. The front surgery has done well in healing. The pain has never stopped from the rear area and much effort has gone into controlling the pain through medicines.
- This next week, a wound vac will be put into place by home health care nurses. This will stay on for two weeks with the nurses coming to change the dressing. This works in helping heal surgical wounds in many patients, especially those that have this hard radiated skin.
- The next step, if this does not work, is skin grafting. Please pray that it works.

I have been able to preach twice on Sunday mornings by lying on the sofa in the teenage classroom and then going into the auditorium and standing to preach when it is time. The plan is for me to do the same this Sunday if it is the Lord's will.

The work that God has given me goes on by phone, writing and putting out material for the brethren. It is amazing how much teaching, exhorting and prayer can be done by phone.

Exciting things are going on with the Central Church of Christ. Elders will be put in on April 15, Monday Night for the Master is going well and we are helping to start a new church in DeBary, Florida on May 6. All the work seems to be in a growing love and appreciation for one another with a sincere dependence upon God's help according to His will.

My health problems through faith in our Lord have seemed to strengthen our relationship as brethren.

Joan and I enjoy and thank God daily for our work with the Central Church and the love they have freely given us along with many brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere.

We pray that your labour of love in the Lord goes well also.

Thank you again so much for your love, concern and prayers.

God bless you all,

Tom and Joan Leavins

P.S. Please send us your telephone numbers. We would like to thank each of you personally.