

THE WAMBSGANSS

November 20, 2016

Dear fellow Pilgrims,

We have not written a letter for a long time and we apologize. One reason is that there is not much to tell. Leon is doing well in the area of health, we have not had any illnesses since he had the gall bladder surgery in 2014. We have had a couple of hospital visits but they were for minor problems that crept up. He had his feeding tube replaced and another time had a sonogram that came back negative. Unfortunately, he is still unable to transfer from bed to wheelchair without a lift, and more or less cannot function without help. He is still taking speech therapy which we hope, in time, will help him speak clearly. Apart from physical limitations, he has become a very pleasant person to be around. He has become so patient and grateful that it is a joy to serve him. God has bestowed mercy and grace into his life and he and I are hoping that through this trial we are becoming more and more "conformed to the image of Christ." The Lord is walking us through this experience for a reason.

We have experienced the provision of the Lord in every bump in the road. A difficulty pops up and we pray about it and the Lord always comes through right on time. We praise Him everyday for His care and presence on this journey. *"Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee."* Ps. 63:3. This year we are listening to the Bible read to us in a chronological plan and have thoroughly enjoyed it. We often go back and re-read a passage that speaks to us.

I do have some help, God has supplied the resources for a lady to come Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 2:00 to help with the bed baths, diaper changes, and give me a break for fixing meals, shopping, etc. Please pray that God will give me the strength I need to care for Leon as long as he needs me.

We hear frequently from our co-worker in China, Mark Alexander. We still support his work and transfer funds to him that come through Accent International Radio. He is very busy working in his city and also reaching out to other areas of China and Siberia. Winter is setting in right now which will curtail his movement somewhat.

As we are now in the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded how much we owe to you who have faithfully supported us for many years. We pray for your churches, your ministry and outreach. Everyone has issues and problems that they are dealing with; ours, many times, are much lighter than yours, but God is faithful!

Thanks again for your prayers and support. Especially your prayers. They have sustained us during these years of difficulty. May God bless you all with a thankful season, joyful Christmas, and blessed new year of 2017. *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."* Titus 2:13

Always in His care,

Leon + Becky

A favorite quote by Hudson Taylor: *"Bear not a single care thyself,*

One is too much for thee.

The work is Mine and Mine alone,

Thy work to rest in Me."