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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a blessing to have come through yet another year and to have entered a new one, by the grace of our Lord. It is amazing to me to look back and think of the rollercoaster ride that Sylvia and I had been on. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf! The emotions have gone from one extreme to another, and it is now so great to be in a stable situation with unity and love in the Lord's church. A year ago, I was beginning physical therapy to recover from shoulder surgery and we had a buyer for our house in Missouri, but still didn't know where we'd be moving. My shoulder has strengthened very well and the Lord has enabled me to pastor once again.

Some things God puts into our lives to prove us as to how we will react and the testimony we will show forth. One of our favorite verses is Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

I know it is a verse easily quoted, but difficult at times to assimilate in one's life. God is so good to give us this New Year! The future looks so much brighter to me now that time has passed. The Lord has restored to me the liberty I once enjoyed in the pulpit. I feel that as I advance in age, though, I am slower in my ability to remember things that I had memorized, and also the ability I once had with the computer. I have to relearn stuff all the time. Happy New Years to all!

The Faith Missionary Baptist Church is doing well and we are always happy to see God's people come ready to worship the Lord. Our regular visitors are a blessing to all of us. We pray for the salvation of the lost and for the spiritual growth of each church member and for the saved who come from time to time and need to join one of the Lord's Churches, as He guides them. Of course, we would love that God would add them to our flock! I pray often that God will open up doors of witness for all of us, that we will seek for them as well, and that God would give all of us the holy boldness to take every opportunity given us to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On the light side, I was not a successful deer-slayer this year. I tried, and spent the money for the rifle, clothing, hat, gloves, warmer packs, etc. I really enjoyed the fellowship with the brethren and the time in the tree stands (that is close-communion!) - hours in the early morning and then in the evening, and learning to whisper for that time. I think I've got it down for next year. God blessed though, and someone gave us a deer they didn't need, so He provides.

Thanks for your prayers, cards, love offerings, and monthly support. We are so very grateful! God bless you all during this next year. He may come for us soon!

Your Brother in Christ,
Ted and Sylvia Tweet
Romans 8:28-30