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Dear Praying Friends,

I am late with this prayer letter. On June 25th Sharon's sister Sheila had a heart attack. At that time two angioplasties were done and one stint was inserted. Sheila had further chest pains on July 7th and was readmitted to the hospital, but they did not think that she had a further event. Then on July 14th she had more chest pains and was admitted again. This time the doctors performed another heart catheterization and found no problems. They believe that the chest pains are a part of the heart healing itself. But nonetheless, the pain is very disconcerting. They have started doing therapy and we pray that this will give some renewed strength. Sheila is very weak.

Sheila's heart attack occurred as we were finishing preparations for the Christian Booksellers Association trade show in Atlanta (July 10-13th). Brother Bob Doom, Sheila's husband and the director of this ministry, was scheduled to be in a meeting in Gainesville, GA, July 4-8th. Of course he had to come home early from the Gainesville meeting. We did, however, make the CBA in Atlanta. Our booth celebrated and highlighted the 400th anniversary of our King James Bible. We had many opportunities to speak with bookstore owners from all over America and from several countries where English is spoken or at least understood. We gave away many booklets and leaflets supporting the Received Text, also known as the Majority Text. This is the Greek text from which the New Testament of our KJV Bible was translated.

While doing some research on-line, our secretary had found a company that produced a facsimile of the original 1611 King James Bible. It opens up to 30 inches and weighs 27 lbs. We purchased two of these Bibles and prominently displayed one of them during the trade show. As you can imagine, it generated many comments and conversations. When possible, Brother Bob and I plan to show this Bible in our scheduled meetings.

You may recall that last November the pastor of our home church resigned. I have had the privilege to preach most of the services since March. Thank you for praying for me during this time. It has been a blessing but also very taxing. Recently, our church voted unanimously to call Pastor Lenny Rogers as our senior pastor. It will be a couple of months before his move to the Asheville area. Brother Bob Doom and I will still fill the pulpit during this time. Pray for us.

In May of last year we completed the three-year project of sending six booklets to Baptist churches across America. We continue to have an occasional response to this project. It is encouraging to see fruit from that effort. Often though, when pastors receive unsolicited packages, the books are stuck on the shelf to be read later. In the "Lord's time" we pray that a pastor's eye will land on one of these little books and that it will be our Lord's answer to that moment of need for challenge and encouragement.

Thank you for praying and supporting Sharon and me in this ministry.

And the GRANDCHILDREN?--- Precious beyond words!!!!

Love in Christ,

Ben & Sharon Wilkerson I Thess. 5:24