

Evangelist Paul Mershon (Important Ministry Update)

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Dear Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

Linda and I trust that you and yours enjoyed a blessed Christmas, and you are looking forward to the opportunities of the new year as you serve the Saviour in the work of the ministry. We are not remiss in upholding you in prayer as we go to the Throne of Grace with our petitions on your behalf. We are so very grateful for your prayers on our behalf as they mean so much to us and are sensed.

I felt it important to provide you with a report of our current ministry status. Linda is making slow progress as she continues to be treated for persistent pericarditis. Persistent pericarditis is inflammation of the pericardium that lasts for a long time, often months or years. It can cause fluid buildup around the heart, thickening of the heart lining, or both. When she presented with early symptoms eight months ago, she had developed pericardial effusion (fluid around the heart) that has since resolved. She is being treated with three anti-inflammatories to include a weekly subcutaneous injection in the abdomen, an interleukin blocker. The problem with this course of treatment is that she is totally immuno-compromised. Her cardiologist has warned her to stay clear of any large crowds and has advised her to not attend church. I cannot attend church nor preach locally as I had been warned that I could ostensibly bring an infection into the home. Both the medical literature and the healthcare professionals have warned us that should she develop a serious infection this could prove fatal to her. So quite obviously her health is a priority for us right now.

Certainly, all of this is beyond our ability to control. We are fervently praying that the Lord would touch her body and completely heal her. We have perfect peace in knowing that God has allowed all of this for a reason, season, and a purpose as He hath done all things well and makes no mistakes. That said, it has been a challenge for my bride as she goes through this with grace and dependence upon the Lord. We have both learned much through this time of trial that has drawn us closer to the Saviour.

Recently I have been invited to preach via videotape and livestream, so I am thankful for these opportunities. A preacher has to preach, so any door that is open to me right now to do so is a welcome blessing. When Linda is given the green light to travel once again, and we are trusting the Lord for that to be in the very near future, I will be scheduling revival meetings and missions' conferences again and will need some assistance in doing so when the time comes. That said, I respectfully solicit your help and your prayers on my behalf in this regard. I greatly appreciate it.

Finally, thank you so very much for sticking with us during these past many months. I cannot find the words to express to you how very much we appreciate your trust and confidence in us. Your continued financial support has been so greatly appreciated. My

ministry policy all of these years is to be completely transparent, so I wanted to be sure to bring you all up to date as we wait upon the Lord, first of all in Linda's healing, and then a return to the road in itinerant ministry.

We love you all and thank God for you. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen" (I Thessalonians 5:28).

Serving the Master,

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