

# The Johns Family

## Abundant Pardon™ Prison Ministry

“... he will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:7

Dear Pastor and Prayer Partners:

I apologize for missing my quarterly prayer letter. Several personal issues in my life have consumed my attention. Firstly, as I mentioned in my last correspondence, in August I had surgery on the rotator cuff of my left shoulder. As a result of either the surgery or the subsequent physical therapy, I sustained a torn biceps tendon which has basically made me a “one armed” preacher. I have been unable to use my left arm to any extent since that surgery. The doctors differ on their opinions as to a prognosis. One suggests additional surgery; the other basically says there is little or nothing else that can be done.

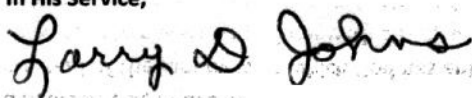
In addition, both my desk top and my lap top computers “crashed” completely with some sort of Trojan Horse or nasty virus, deeming them both inoperative for several weeks. A computer guru had to completely wipe out the hard drive on both computers and reinstall new operating systems. Neither one is still operating correctly, but I have been “living with” the inconvenience of rebooting when they “freeze up”. My Geek Squad “want-to-be” does not know what is wrong, so there is little use in again letting him have my computers for days, paying several dollars, and still experiencing the same issues. Please pray for my computers.

Then, in March, my mother-in-law (now 92 years of age) fell out of bed, gashing her head and cracking three ribs. She was taken via ambulance to the hospital in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania. Nearly my entire family made an emergency trip to visit her. After arriving home to Michigan, we received a call that Carol’s mom now needed heart surgery to install a pace maker. We returned to Pennsylvania two days later to be with her for her surgery. Carol has been very busy dealing with her mother and all her issues while trying to get ready her program for kindergarten graduation.

Finally, on April 23, I went to the Adrian hospital with severe chest pains. Since I have GERD (gastro esophageal reflux disease), I have been there many time in the last few years. However, since the symptoms of GERD so closely mimic those of a heart attack, I have been instructed to go to the ER whenever I experience these symptoms. However, I want to be a good steward of the money with which God has entrusted me, so I am somewhat hesitant to go. Nevertheless, I went again, only to be sent home six hours later with strong pain meds and a diagnosis of “chest pain, undetermined reason”. However, just before midnight that same night, I returned to the ER with even more severe chest pains, pain in both arms, pain in both shoulder blades, and constriction in my throat. This time it was evident that I was experiencing a heart attack. I was flown via “life flight” helicopter to the Toledo Hospital where, after receiving a heart cath, I received two arterial stents to correct blockages of 95% and 98% respectively. After four days I was discharged with a regimen of diet, exercise, and low stress, all of which goes against my grain. My cardiologist says I am not to have any surgery for twelve to eighteen months, so there goes the surgery option to correct the torn biceps tendon. Please pray for wisdom.

However, God is good! Since our last prayer letter, we have seen 624 offenders trust Christ as personal Saviour, and we baptized thirty-four others. In addition, He has opened up an additional women’s prison, as well as the opportunity of my teaching in the PLUS Program within the Indiana Department of Corrections. “The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

In His Service,



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