



Dear Pastor and Co-laborers,

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Every morning I pray thanking God that He has given me another day to live. In May we were back in Madrid in the hospital for a heart ablation operation that went very well. As my usual manner is I came out from under the anesthesia joking with the nurses. They accused me of being pessimistic because before the operation I was telling them if I die, don't worry I am all right I will be in heaven with my Savior. It sure sounded strange to them. I told them I wasn't being negative but positive about my future. The only thing is that the surgeon found another problem with my heart on the right side that was not detected by any of the tests that they had run on me. The doctor said he found it during the operation. July 23rd I go back to the operating room. It sure helps to have Jesus as your Savior and think like the Apostle Paul "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better, nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." Philippians 1:23-24. They say after this I will be all right. I think I heard that before.

Through all of this we see the hand of God at work. The church has survived my absence in the pulpit and the men that took over the responsibilities of the church in teaching and preaching all did well and all the people agree. I am going to let Roberto, who I am training to be pastor, do much of the preaching for a while. He is doing such a good job and the more practice, the better he will get. I am teaching on Sundays and Wed. and have developed a new program of teaching my people how to remember important scriptures of the Bible. They are not remembering all the scriptures word for word but the content and where they are recorded in God's Word. According to what I have taught so far, when we are finished, some will have learned about 2,100 verses. Of course not everyone is going to memorize that many, but if most of them learn 140 passages over the next year and a half, that would be a good start. Most of the technique I have borrowed from others who taught me. If it goes well I hope to turn it into something that maybe other churches will want to use. I hope to bring the believer closer to God and bring honor and glory to Him.



The Mother & Daughter banquet that Florence prepared went really well with 21 ladies present. They had a good time and the speaker did a fantastic job and was a blessing to all who attended.

The African church was happy to have me back in the pulpit. Now that my strength is back I think I can handle going back to a normal schedule as before. Thank you for the prayers that have reached heaven and preserved my life that I can still have a ministry here in Spain.

Lord Bless, *Dave and Florence McDonald*

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