

MISSION WORLD

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January 2017:

Charles Wheeling sends all our Friends a very special “thank you!” Judy and I have received scores of birthday and holiday cards, some containing gifts, wishing us happiness at this season. Under other circumstances our expression of appreciation would have come your way before this. We have chosen to share a recent **Facebook** post written by our daughter, Stephanie. Her post explains the circumstances confronting our family just now.



Daughter Stephanie and her Family; Emily, our “Sweet Pea,” is not pictured.



Stephanie Barber

January 12 at 9:54pm · 🧑🏻

Feeling sad. My mom was diagnosed with a highly aggressive uterine cancer just before Christmas. I have kept this off social media until now. However today we received a more thorough picture of the fight she has ahead and I'm feeling overwhelmed and afraid. I am thankful that she has a great chance at a cure but it's going to be tough. Please give me and her a few days before asking questions but keep us in your prayers. The past six months have brought a lot of changes to my world and I'm praying for God's strength.

I would like to share a bit of our family history In 1961 Judy and I began dating; a little more than two years later, Judy and I married in June of 1963—*53 years have come and gone!* God has favored us in so many ways, among them with thousands of friends who love us and have supported us with prayers and gifts to grow and encourage our Ministry. Countless faces and voices lovingly fill our memories. Our birthdays in December (Judy) and January (mine) always crowd the Holiday season; 2016 has presented Judy and me with new and unfriendly challenges. Two weeks before Christmas Judy's gynecologist phoned, asking to speak with both of us. Lab results following a recent checkup revealed unsettling changes; so unfriendly, that two days after Christmas, on December 27 Judy underwent a complete hysterectomy. Two days following the surgery, December 29, 2016, Judy turned 73. A week later, January 4, 2017, I turned 75. Your cards and expressions of love possess a *very special meaning this year.*

Stephanie's Facebook posting, *I think*, says enough, but I will elaborate from this point. The oncologist shared these words last week: “Mrs. Wheeling, if the cancer had proved to be a *carcinoma* only, I would encourage you to go and enjoy the rest of your life. But the type of cancer detected is a fusion (my word) of two cancers, *carcinoma sarcoma*. Apparently when these two cancers join they become very aggressive. It is the *sarcoma* finding that we need to discuss.”

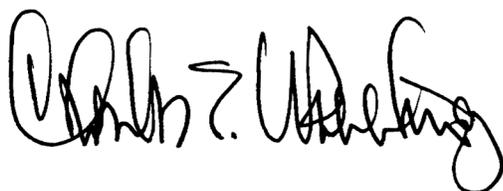
Judy and I ask for your prayers as we make choices to deal with this matter—we ask for quietness and your consideration of our privacy at this time. We know that many friends will unite their prayers with ours. Lab results revealed that Judy received surgery, *thank God*, at cancer Stage1A. Judy has an excellent prognosis. We thank God for early detection, qualified physicians and modern surgical techniques.

In behalf of IBE/Mission World and all of our Staff, we need to share a very special *Thank You*, for your continued, generous support. Our financial cupboard seems sparse these days and sometimes we wonder if we can make it through another month. But God continues to move on the hearts of people like you ... ***and we are still here after more than 36 years!*** A very special *thank you* to those who remember us at the end of the year and throughout the year. Your gifts mean more than words can express.

Please know that you are in our prayers. In morning worship we share and lift your prayer requests Heaven-ward. Surely 2017 is proving to be a year full of challenges and promise.

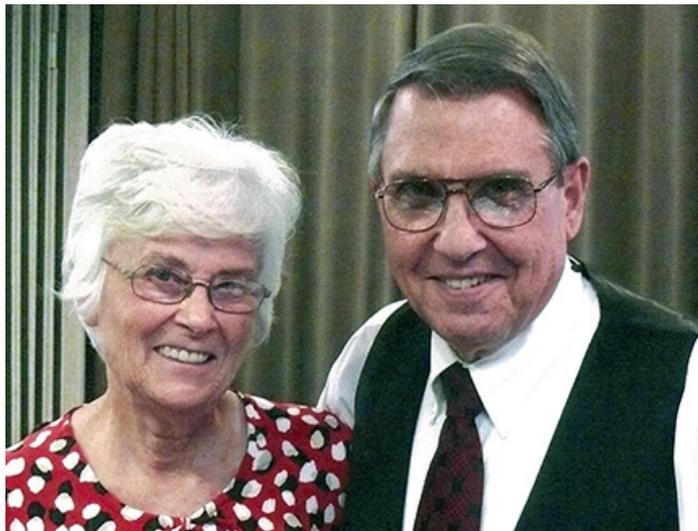
We love you—I sign for both of us and all our Staff,

We pray for you and your house,



Charles E. Wheeling,
Founder and President

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