

MISSION WORLD

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January 2018:

Charles Wheeling sends all our Friends a very special "thank you" for your support in 2017! Once again Judy and I have received scores of birthday and holiday greeting cards, wishing us happiness at this season. It is amazing indeed what another year can bring. Doctors, praise God! have declared Judy "cancer free"! Of course, there are follow-up exams from time to time, but, Praise God! I have my wife back — *sort-of* Below is a photo of Judy's new mode of transportation



Last Friday evening, about Sundown, Judy missed the last step (in our home) and suffered a nasty broken leg! Very painful! The past three or four days have caused me to "express thanks" that I have not chosen a nursing career. Yes, we are surviving. And the next ten to twelve weeks will slow us down more than our years deserve. *Thank you for praying for Judy's speedy and complete recovery.*

About three years ago I began to experience strange symptoms that I reasoned to be related to my aging process. The few symptoms I began experiencing about three years ago I shared with no one, including Judy, but they led me to share with those attending my seminars, "We want to come again next year, but we will have to wait and see what another year brings." I have shared this sentiment at my seminars for the last two or three years.

This third year, 2017, my symptoms turned brutal. I will not list them all, except to say I was convinced something beyond aging was taking over my body. My sense of balance eroded to the extent that I took a very nasty fall in our driveway — *I won't say more just now.* As I began listing the aberrant symptoms, with online research, I concluded that I was a Parkinson's patient; not a candidate, but a *patient*. Several physicians, using modern methods (MRI, etc.), concluded that I am indeed a Parkinson's patient. Some of my symptoms are prevalent — depression, insomnia and cognitive confusion.

Scores of friends are writing to me, emailing, phoning and leaving messages at the office asking for me to respond to their questions, studies and prayer requests. Some of the medications typically prescribed for Parkinson's patients offer a little relief, *but only a little.* Judy and I are praising God for pages and pages of new research offering real hope for my case.

Recently an aunt of mine passed away after sixteen years of Parkinson's. At the beginning her symptoms were terrible to bear. But unknown to most of my family, Aunt Peggy and her husband, my Uncle George, became aware of experimental treatments and were befriended by a highly-reputable physician who quietly offered experimental treatment for the next fourteen years. Aunt Peggy was free of symptoms and lived to be eighty-plus years. The last two years of her life, years fifteen and sixteen, the treatments failed and her symptoms revived. All I will say at this time is that I am pursuing the same treatment program and praying that God will grant me a few more years — thank you for your prayers and understanding if I don't return every call and respond to every request. I have considerable difficulty collecting and arranging my thoughts, but we pray help is on the way.

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My great concern is the well-being and future of the mission and ministry God has appointed to me here at Mission World. We are strategizing to continue with larger and greater efforts to reach millions! Please read the enclosed Report of our success in Cuba. Our books have arrived and are being shared "like autumn leaves" throughout Cuba! I will say only that there are larger plans *At the personal level I am thinking and planning past Parkinson's*

On 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. Please plan with us to do greater things in 2018. Put us on your prayer list and gifting list — *we need you!*



I sign for Judy, Myself and all our Staff,
We pray for you and your house,

Charles E. Wheeling,
Founder and President

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