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Hello Friends:

It has been some time since my last letter, and I am glad that I am able to write to you today. Psalms 118:24 instructs us that God has a purpose for our day, and that we can rejoice and be glad in it! It has almost been a year since my shoulder replacement surgery. This past year has been a challenging one. Going through the surgery was a battle, as well as the long physical therapy. I was told that the recovery process would be slower than what is typical for this type of surgery. They were correct. Physical therapy took three months and I am beginning to see the results of it on a daily basis. I still have my struggles, but I am so happy to be able to use my right arm once again.

Since having the surgery and the long recovery I had to curtail my activities to the local region. We are praising the Lord for what He has allowed me to accomplish in our local church. I have been able to fill in the pulpit for some local pastors who needed to be away from their churches, and much of my time has been serving the Lord in my area. I have been able to serve as a driver for a church van. This ministry is so vital and needed in the church. I also have been able to continue preaching in our churches addiction program. I have been able to mentor some men and we have had the wonderful opportunity to see them come to Christ, grow in their walk with Christ, and see victories daily because of what Christ has done for them. In the next month two of the men that I have been discipling will be obeying the Lord in believers baptism. Daily prayer and weekly Bible study has encouraged me as well as the men who are in this program. All glory goes to the Lord! I have also been able to *continue to be apart of the local jail ministry. We head to the local jail on Thursdays and there have a time for preaching and proclaiming Christ to the men on the ward. This year, we have seen 70 souls come to Christ. Some of the men have started a Bible*

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program and we are seeing fruit inside the walls of incarceration. I was also able to go see two inmates at state prisons and they both have accepted Christ as their Savior. Please pray for these men and their growth in Christ.

The summer was busy with door to door visitation and Vacation Bible School. Our son Matthew who is 14 was able to go on his first missions trip to New York City. It was a blessing to see our son serve the Lord locally as well as in a large city. God blessed and they were able to help a small church with their Summer Spectacular Program. The team was also able to do some witnessing and street preaching. In June we were able to take our grandchildren to Kentucky. There we visited the Ark Encounter and they were able to see how mighty and powerful our Creator and his love for mankind. This was a special time and we enjoyed the short time we had.

I am looking forward to this year and the meetings and missions conferences that have already been set up. Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for allowing our family to be an arm of your ministry. We are so grateful to be used by God. Remember, Jesus is coming back soon and that there is only one life and it will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Your friend, Evangelist Paul Barnes,
I John 2:28; Matthew 6:33