

# MISSION BRIEFING

AVIATION MISSIONS, INC. MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

*“Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31*

**February 24, 2017**

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”*

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, my Mother went home to be with her Lord. She so looked forward to going home, seeing our Lord and being reunited with loved ones. Anita and I stayed in Arkansas to take of her from November until her home going. She was in and out of the hospital frequently, went through three bouts of C-Diff, a rather nasty systemic infection, each one progressively worse. All of this on top of congestive heart failure.

We were with her for about 36 continuous hours in the hospital with one or both of us by her side. As her medical proxy with medical power of attorney, I was responsible to see that her wishes for no heroic measures or machines were honored. That was the hardest thing I ever faced. I would much rather fly a helicopter full of troops into a landing zone under enemy fire than go through that again.

Through it all, my main prayer was for the grace of God that is sufficient in all situations for his own. I want to thank those who lifted her and us up before the Throne of Grace to our loving Heavenly Father. You may never know this side of Heaven how much those prayers meant.

After Mom's home going, I then faced being the successor trustee for her estate. This is a whole new ball game. Thankfully, she had a Living Trust, but the work involved is still very stressful and time consuming.

The result of the last four months has led my doctor to put me on blood pressure medication. He seems to think it is far too high. Anita agrees with him. That will get your attention very quickly if you are not used to being medicated.

In all of human history, only Jesus was able to choose his Mother. He also chooses for the rest of us. I thank Him and praise His name for choosing my Mother for me. To God be all glory and honor for His loving watch care over His children.

We are told in 1 Timothy 5:8 that if any provide not for those of his own house, he is worse than an infidel and denied the faith. I can hear the words of Jesus from the cross to John the beloved, “John, take care of Mama.” (From the McCaulley paraphrase). This we did to honor my Mother and my Lord while yet continuing our ministry of AMI.

While attending church in the area during our care for Mom, God brought across our path a young missionary couple heading for the foreign field. In discussions with them, I discovered that neither they nor their sending church had considered many areas of preparedness for emergency or crisis situations. It was our privilege and honor to help them consider these areas and better prepare. This is a couple I would not have met were it not that we stayed to care for Mom. When we pause to consider that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, we see that there are no coincidences or accidents – just His sovereign providence and care. We serve an awesome God who is worthy of more praise, worship and honor than we accord Him. May He forgive us our slackness.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for this update.

In His Service,

*Dr. Paul & Anita McCaulley*

## Prayer Requests

1. Emergency locator and management system.
2. Traveling safety.
3. Meetings and seminars.
4. Wisdom to deal with calls for assistance.
5. The training program for missionaries and pastors.



*Sending Church:*  
Southwest Baptist Church  
1300 SW 54<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73119  
(405)682-1491

*Aviation Missions, Inc.*  
1300 SW 54<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73119  
(405)604-5140  
[www.aviationmissions.org](http://www.aviationmissions.org)  
[pres@aviationmissions.org](mailto:pres@aviationmissions.org)