

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend, Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men, Oh, You rescue the souls of men
Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace, You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way, Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore, You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for
Almighty, Infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own, Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore, You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for

A few Sundays ago, this song was sung in morning worship. It spoke deep to our hearts as we thought about Jesus our merciful Savior and friend who redeemed us. The Holy Spirit our counselor, comforter, keeper who gives us hope and God our Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving us. We are humbled as we reflect on all that we have because of Christ.

We are thankful for our missionary family serving in the US and around the world. In Mali, they recently held the annual Bible Discipleship camp for all of the bush churches. There were about 100 children and 50 adults who registered and attended. It was a great week and 10 people accepted Christ as Savior. 12 followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Praise the Lord!

In Togo, our missionaries saw God work in a family and a father who followed witchcraft was gloriously saved! The wife and children were already faithfully attending church. God is working!

FBM president Stephen Simpson along with his family leave Friday to travel to the GARBC conference in Grand Rapids. They will be visiting some of our FBM missionaries along the way. Pray for their safety as they travel. Pray for good contacts at the conference and for God to grow our FBM family. Pray as they encourage missionaries along the way.

We shared with you that Diane's father came to stay with us during the healing process after his knee replacement surgery. Since that time, he has been diagnosed with dementia. He is at the end of stage one, and we have an appointment with a neurologist who specializes in Alzheimer's type dementia in September. Our desire is that he stay with us as long as possible. This is a new season for us. We want to care well for our family, but we also want to minister well to our team. At this time, we cannot both be gone at the same time. Pray that God will show us His perfect will in all of this. We often pray as King Jehoshaphat prayed, "we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you". (2 Chron 20:12) Most urgently, we ask that you pray for dad's salvation. Pray that he will see something different in our lives and turn his heart to Jesus.

Just recently, Chris has been having some health issues. He first turned to his gastroenterologist. Early last year, he was diagnosed with Barrett's Esophagus, Gerd, and Diverticulosis. They did an endoscopy a few weeks ago and the doctor was very pleased at how the esophagus has healed since last year. She ruled that his discomfort was not related to that. He saw his cardiologist, had a stress test and was to be scheduled for a heart cath. Unfortunately, he ended up in the ER Father's Day, was admitted and a

heart Cath done on Monday. The Cath showed that he did not have any blockages and the previous stents were all in good shape and clean. So, that is not the issue. Praise the Lord! He is now waiting to be scheduled for a specific test to see if his gallbladder is functioning well. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors, for relief and patience for Chris. Pray that God will reveal the problem and that it can be fixed.

We are trying to consciously practice being grateful for all of the circumstances that God allows into our lives. He is so good and gracious to us, and we are thankful. Thank you for standing with us for so many years. Thank you for faithfully praying for us as we keep our eyes on Jesus and look to Him for each day.

“Through the LORD’S mercies we are not consumed. Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul, Therefore I hope in Him!” Lam 3:22-24

Grateful!

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