

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

God speaks to our hearts in many ways. Through His word, through Godly counsel, through hymns and songs. There are times, when our daily quiet time and various readings are just so perfectly in line with each other. And then throughout the day, listening to Christian radio a song will be played and it just affirms the meditations of our hearts from our quiet time that morning. Christ alone truly is our hope in this life and in the life to come. His love is what holds us and keeps us! We are so thankful for a personal relationship with Him!

We are thankful for how God is working through FBM around the world. FBM missionaries Rob and Jackie Ernst are serving in Australia. Australia was one of the countries that was serious about lock downs during Covid. Rob and Jackie are praising God that they are once again able to meet as a church family at the school where they were holding meetings before Covid. God is blessing with new visitors each week. They are planning a yearly outreach for September 18. They have not been able to do this outreach since 2019. Pray with them for approval from officials, that the word will spread and that many will come and enjoy a fun day while hearing the gospel.

We received encouraging news from Rich and Anna Marshall. It has been six weeks since Rich's most recent surgery on his leg. The Doctor was encouraged in that the bone is growing. Continue to pray for complete healing of all infection and continued bone growth. Pray for the country of Mali. There is much instability. Pray for missionaries on the field and for the church. Pray for those who do not know Christ to be drawn to Him during this time.

Our Benin team is excited and have purchased acreage in central Benin. This land will provide housing for our team and many ministry opportunities. Pray as the official paperwork is completed. Pray for wisdom in planning and designing. Pray for roads and infrastructure that needs to be done. Pray that God will provide all that is needed and that this land will be used for His glory. If you would like to know more about the history of our work in Benin and what God continues to do, check out "The Rope". You can read the August issue by going to <https://faithbaptistmission.org/our-stories/news/>. Scroll down and you will find the latest news.

We want to thank you for praying for Chris these last months. After multiple tests, scans and doctor's appointments, many things have been ruled out but nothing has been found that would cause his symptoms. The doctor is now treating the symptom. Medication has been prescribed but it has been an adjustment. At first, when Chris took the medicine at bedtime, he could not function

the next morning. He has slowly experimented with taking it earlier and seems to have settled around 8p.m. If he takes it no later than 8 he can get up and function much better the next day. Most of the pain, nausea and discomfort are helped by the medicine. He has a follow up appointment again this week. We are also wondering if the heat, stress and perhaps diet may also play into the discomfort. Pray for wisdom for the doctor but also wisdom for us as we strive to make some life style changes.

Our house is full. Diane's dad continues to stay with us. Pray for wisdom as we navigate this new journey of dementia with him. Continue to pray for his salvation. Diane's mom is also back with us. She stays with us 6 months of the year and with Diane's sister in PA the other 6 months. We are thankful for family!

We are thankful for you! Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of Faith Baptist Mission and their missionaries. We are thankful to have a small part in what God is doing around the world.

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Praising God for all things!

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