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Dear Praying Friends,

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17)

We recently read a FaceBook post that started something like this, "I almost never share political stuff, but this was too funny.....!" And it occurred to us that we are so quick to share our political point of view, a piece of our mind or a remedy for an illness, but we are so hesitant to share the Gospel. It gets discouraging to see people all around who are consumed with the idea of a better education, a bigger house or car and more and better toys. They have no desire to know anything about God. And when you share a Gospel tract or your testimony, they don't even listen politely anymore. I guess what we're saying is that if we try to do God's work in our own strength, we will fail and be depressed.

This last three months we've had Paul's Dad staying with us. He just turned 91 on the 17th of May. He is still preaching part time in his mission church, still witnessing to people and still reading his Bible and praying. In fact, he's been building boats in the back yard of his house for about the last 4 years! Lois's Dad and Mom have been working with a Seminole Indian church for the past several years, and they are both in their 70's. If anyone has a "right" to be tired and discouraged, you would think it would be all three of them!

We as "younger folks" need to take them as an example! But it's not just DOING for the Lord. It's BEING who we are in Christ. The daughter of one of our Honduran women called Lois today to interview her for a class she's taking at the Bible Institute. She wanted to know what her primary goal was as a missionary. Lois replied, "to glorify God." Whatever we are doing for the Lord needs to be in His power, not in our own strength. If we are witnessing, it needs to glorify God, if we are singing, or preaching, or teaching or playing tennis, or whatever; if we don't glorify God..... we've missed the mark.

Paul's Dad is in transition. We are clearing up his house and getting rid of most of his things as our family will be moving to his house. It's not easy for him, and since we are doing the hoeing out, not easy for us either. We are in transition. Trying to find a Pastor for the work in Trejo while trying to build up the work in Real del Puente. The girls are in transition. Katie is midway through her Interior Design course at BJU and Nana is a Senior in high school. Our lives are in transition, continually. It can seem overwhelming, but God has a plan, and we are following Him...in His time.....in His path.

We had 4 children make professions of faith yesterday in Sunday School in Trejo. We have a pair of twin boys in Victory Baptist who accepted Christ last month in family devotions and they want to be baptized. We have a possible church building that is being offered at an excellent price, and it would need very little renovation. God is at work in Honduras! Please continue your faithful prayer support! Prayer is what keeps us on the field.

Prayer requests:

1. The transitions we're going through;
2. \$25,000 to buy the property for the work in Real del Puente;
3. A Pastor for the Trejo church;

In Christ for His glory,

Paul & Lois Howell

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