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# A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**While serving you in this capacity, I am continually humbled by the many opportunities and experiences that I am afforded as I travel.**

**My biggest regret is that you are not with me and afforded the opportunity of witnessing, first-hand, the missionary/ministry legacy that we have as a church. You would be so proud.**

**Earlier this month, I was privileged to travel to Budapest, Hungary, and Oradea, Romania.**

## **Just a few quick observations:**

- **Our missionaries have done and are doing a remarkable job.** While in Budapest, I visited The Awakening's International Base. This is the base that Dave and Linda Fannin envisioned. WMM is now in the process of completing the purchase of this building. Dave and Linda's ministry imprint is stamped all over Hungary and Romania. As you talk with the Bulzans, Reshetinskys, and Ms. Revesz, you sense the gratitude and love that these leaders have for the Fannins and the IPHC.
- **Do not buy the line that millennials are not engaged and passionate.** At EuroQuest, primarily a meeting for young adults/emerging leaders/millennials throughout Europe, I met leaders from 14 different countries that were on fire and sold out for the cause of Christ globally. Some of these leaders include: Max Barroso, Seth Nix, Krisztina Revesz [a disciple of Linda Fannin's], Timothy Meadors, Janene Wooten, Carolyne Smith, Dreama Bryant, Allison Jones, Hannah Lafferty, Mariah Lumpkin, Morgan Wood, Justin Long, Katie Conrad, Javier Farias, Sarah Minnix, David Burgos, Donald Kumar, Pamela Lujan, Tibi Bulzan, Timotei Bulzan, Zophie Lakatos, Michael Al-Shackar, David Trujillo, and the son and daughter, Valerii and Nadezhda, of Bishop Reshetinsky in the Ukraine. Believe me when I tell you that I am not worried about our future!



**Bishop Talmadge Gardner**

• **Teo and Sanda Bulzan are the real deal!** The Bulzan's ministry in Oradea as the founding pastors of Betania Christian Center, as well as throughout Romania, validates every investment that WMM has made in the country of Romania. Our WMM Statistical Report for 2017 shows that we have 82 churches and 6,500 members in Romania. Teo Bulzan is an apostolic leader in the biblical sense of the term. His church in Oradea is a beautiful structure. I enjoyed preaching to this part of our faith family on Sunday morning. It is a beautiful congregation and a wonderful Place of Hope.

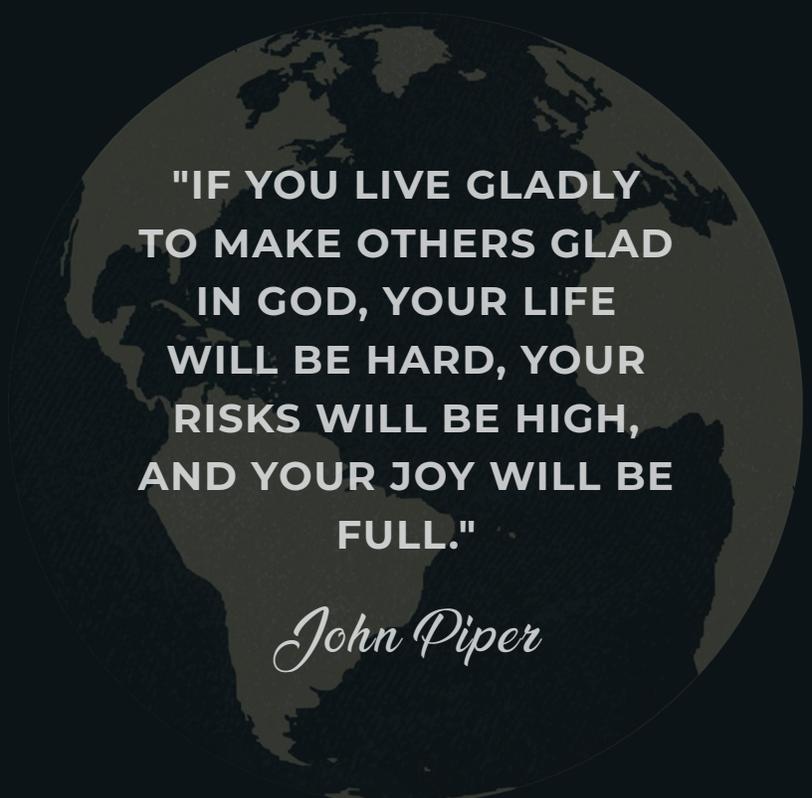
**In 1989, 'Romanians united in protests against the communist leadership and local demonstrations sparked a national uprising that finally ousted communist ruler Nicolae Ceausescu and his cabinet.' As you drive throughout Oradea, you see the evidence and ruins of Communism all around you.**

**A big thank you to Rev. Ng and the Wing Kwong Church in Hong Kong, Pastor Fred Shipman, The Winners Church in West Palm Beach, Florida, Ed and Debra Campany [Founder/Owner, Campany Roof Maintenance], and you, through the Global Outreach Offering for investing in Betania Christian Center and Romania.**

**The Apostle Paul expressed my concluding sentiments well when he wrote:**

***"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:4-6 NIV)***

**Bishop Talmadge Gardner  
Executive Director**



**"IF YOU LIVE GLADLY  
TO MAKE OTHERS GLAD  
IN GOD, YOUR LIFE  
WILL BE HARD, YOUR  
RISKS WILL BE HIGH,  
AND YOUR JOY WILL BE  
FULL."**

*John Piper*



# MEET THE SNEEDS

Kevin and Summer Sneed have been IPHC missionaries since 2008, serving in Kenya and East Africa through East Africa Bible College and East Africa Girls' Ministries.

At East Africa Bible College, they are working to raise up new pastors and leaders from nine nations. Through East Africa Girls' Ministries, Summer is training women to reach and disciple girls for Christ.

The Sneeds also work with the churches and conferences of the IPHC to offer training and continuing education. Their vision is to Equip, Empower, and Educate for the Kingdom of God.

## ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

**The Shirey Family**

**Kevin & Summer Sneed**

**Jason & Catrina Bicket**

**David & Michelle Riley**

**Ron & Phyllis Roy**

**Mark & Jeannie McClung**

**Darrel & Bonnie Clowers**

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HAVING THESE  
MISSIONARIES COME  
TO YOUR HOME  
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# EuroQuest 2018

This summer, The Awakening had the privilege of hosting many of the spiritual leaders in Europe at the EuroQuest conference in Budapest, Hungary. The heart behind EuroQuest is to bring unity to the body of Christ in Europe through a time of worship, teaching, and relationship building. At EuroQuest, 14 different nations were represented. Speakers from those nations shared their heart for ministry in Europe and inspired each person in attendance to fully step into the calling that God has placed on their hearts. There was a time of specific prayer for each nation and a time of rejoicing in what God has done and will continue to do through EuroQuest and the nations in attendance that week. The Awakening is honored to have had the opportunity to serve these leaders and to be a part of what God is doing in Europe and the Kingdom.



EuroQuest 2018

**"ONE TOUCH OF CHRIST  
IS WORTH A LIFETIME OF  
STRUGGLING."**

- A.B. SIMPSON

# Brussels, Belgium - Converge Week

By Bill Schwartz

We recently conducted our seventh annual Converge Week in Brussels, Belgium. Converge is a week where young adults come together into one city for a week of training, equipping, and sharing the gospel on the streets and in local churches. We had 35 people from seven different countries participate. The results were people receiving Jesus as Lord, being healed from sickness, and being delivered from depression and other challenges.

Due to our goal of keeping each Converge Week under 50 participants, this year is a historical year as we are now conducting two locations, both in Brussels and Cardiff, Wales. In Cardiff, we have close to 50 participating from August 22-27, 2018.



Worship Service in Brussels, Belgium  
at Converge 2018



MRLC Teachers

# Myanmar Refugee Learning Centre

By Debra Crook

On August 4, 2018, I, along with Regional Director Tim Salley and his wife, Beth, had the privilege of attending the Myanmar Refugee Learning Centre's 10th anniversary and fundraising dinner. It was a wonderful program with several performances by all different ages of children. One highlight was video clips from students who have been resettled in the U.S. and Australia; attending universities and serving in local churches. Their testimonies attribute their success in their host countries to the preparation they received academically and spiritually at MRLC.

People to People continues to have the privilege of assisting MRLC through the sponsorship program. You may go to our webpage at [give.iphc.org/children](http://give.iphc.org/children), select Malaysia, Asia Pacific and choose a child to support. You may also call our office at 405.792.7129, and they will assist you. Be a part of their amazing journey from a refugee until they are resettled. They are not sure of their future host country, but they trust in the sovereign God they have come to know. Continue to pray for Life Harvest Assembly as they impact their future through MRLC.

**"YOU'LL SEE HOW RICH YOU ARE WHEN YOU ADD UP EVERYTHING YOU HAVE THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY..."**

- ADRIAN ROGERS



Youth Worshiping in Pakistan

# Pakistan - OxyGen Youth

This month marked the first of the services for OxyGen Youth in Pakistan. Pastor Asher Mansha focused on setting the stage for these teens to be planted in God. There were nearly 35 students in attendance who gave their lives to Christ, and the presence and move of the Holy Spirit was evident. Please pray that Pakistan will continue to see young souls won for The Kingdom of God, and that Pastor Mansha will continue to have a fresh anointing in reaching these young individuals for Christ.

# DANIEL'S STORY

By Rev. Dan Clowers

Regional Director: Central America



Rev. Dan Clowers with Daniel Rodney

Recently, Brenda and I had the privilege of meeting a mighty giant in the faith while visiting Araján, Panama. Although we all have testimonies of God's goodness, love, forgiveness, and protection, some testimonies are so dramatic that they almost compare to Saul on the Damascus road with a blinding light from God. Daniel, the man we met in Panama, definitely fits into this category.

Brenda and I, along with a great team led by Pastors Brandon Hay and Travis Lowe, traveled to Araján to help build a small bridge. This bridge would provide access to a new church plant that is led by Pastor Jose Levi, a man small in stature but powerful in leadership who is doing a great work. Pastor Levi asked us for help to build this bridge. In order to get to the church, his members waded through a small creek that, during the rainy season, turns into a strong river of water and becomes impassable. Cars could not get up the hill to the church without the bridge, so they parked below and walked through the creek. Our team happily traveled to help build an access bridge.

Daniel Rodney serves as the associate pastor and is of opposite stature compared to pastor Levi. In fact, he stands about 6' 3" tall and is a very strong man, who was such a great help for us when it came to lifting heavy rocks and tree limbs. I asked Daniel one morning, "Daniel what's your story?" He began telling me his testimony. He started by showing me a series of scars from his former life. He was addicted to crack cocaine, and his lifestyle had taken him in and out of danger with the cartel and his suppliers. The scars on Daniel's body were from five different bullet wounds. Through all of that, he never called on God.

Daniel continued to share stories of robberies and break-ins to help pay for his addiction. It was during one of his home invasions when things started to really go south for him. As Daniel was climbing out of a two-story building that he had managed to climb into from a neighboring roof, he lost his footing and fell to the ground landing on his back. In tremendous pain, he struggled to move but could not withstand the pain. If he stayed on the ground, he risked being caught. He reached into his pocket to find his drugs and shot upright in the alley. When the drugs kicked in, he painfully struggled to his feet and made his way to his shack where he had been hiding out from his pursuers. In his fear of being discovered, either by the police or the cartel, he slept many nights in the jungle and sometimes even in the trees.

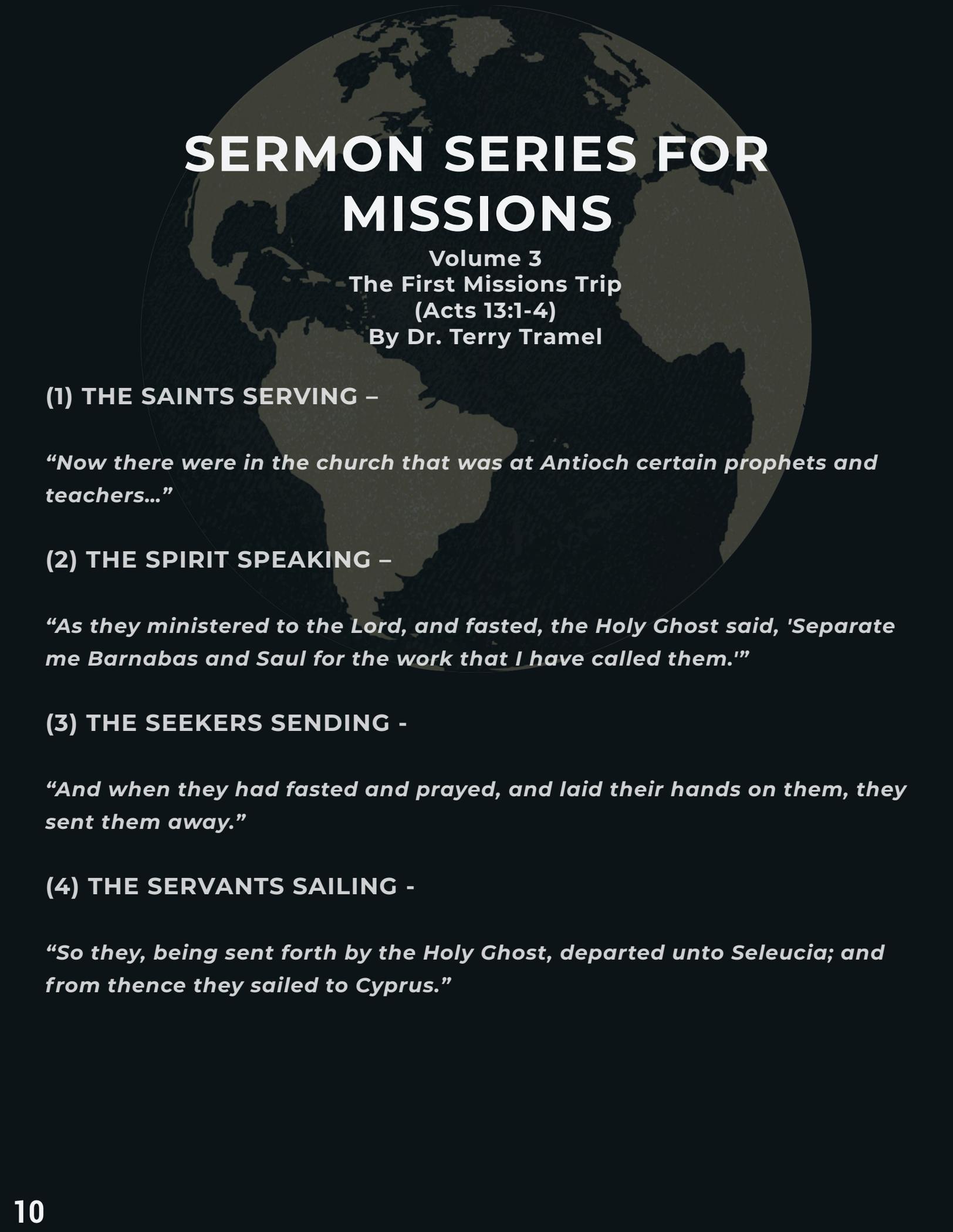
**This particular night, as Daniel laid on his cot, the damage to his back began to worsen and, before long, he found himself completely paralyzed. Alone and desperate, he felt that he finally had reached his end. After a week on the bed, unable to move, with no drugs and no one to hear his screams, he went through withdrawals alone. Later, with a clear mind and understanding of the reality that he could possibly be paralyzed forever, Daniel cried out to God and said, “I can’t live like this and I need you. Get me off this bed and I will serve you”. God heard Daniel’s cry.**



**Fast forward years later into May 2018; Daniel is preaching the Word, evangelizing on the street, serving God, and working with the family of God in any way he can to accomplish a great work. He now has a family and is living in spiritual peace with God and man. Thank you, Daniel, for sharing your testimony and thank you for calling on the Lord. Your testimony and heart of service blesses all of God's family.**



# **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**



# SERMON SERIES FOR MISSIONS

Volume 3  
The First Missions Trip  
(Acts 13:1-4)  
By Dr. Terry Tramel

## (1) THE SAINTS SERVING –

*“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers...”*

## (2) THE SPIRIT SPEAKING –

*“As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, ‘Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work that I have called them.’”*

## (3) THE SEEKERS SENDING -

*“And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”*

## (4) THE SERVANTS SAILING -

*“So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.”*



**Servant Sailing**  
Seekers Sending  
Spirit Speaking  
Saints Serving

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Hobert & Marguerite Howard

Hobert and Marguerite Howard met while attending Holmes Bible College in 1946. Hobert was born on June 29, 1928, and Marguerite on April 18 of the same year.

Both of them felt a call from the Lord to become missionaries to India before they had met each other. Once they married, the Howards boarded a

steamer headed toward India. They were afforded the opportunity to join the staff in India in 1951. Through the years, the Howards experienced many changes in IPHC missions, but their passion to serve India remained constant.

The Howards are now retired from World Missions Ministries, and live in the Rolling Green Retirement Village in Greenville, SC. They served in India until they were 85 years old, and are still exceedingly loved by the Indian people. Likewise, the Howards' hearts are still deeply rooted in their love for India.

Hobert recently commented that they are "happy, blessed, and taken care of." He also mentioned that they have "eaten food like never before in their life" since moving into the Rolling Green Retirement Village.

Please join WMM in praying for this legendary couple, and help us congratulate them as they celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary this month.

If you would like to send a card in honor of the Howards, you may direct all mail to PO Box 25877, Greenville, SC 29616 or email them at [hobertwardwmm@gmail.com](mailto:hobertwardwmm@gmail.com)





"Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'"

John 20:21