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But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Gary's Health Update

Dear Friends and Partners of Gateway Missions,

Jane Ann and I thank God for you and pray that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to comfort us all with His compassion, as Holy Spirit fills us with joy, peace and contentment. The last 2 1/2 years have brought challenges and changes for us. Though travel was suspended during 2020 and 2021, we continued to maintain relationships with our international pastors and church leaders. Through your mission gifts to Gateway Missions, we were able to supply financial assistance to them by providing funds for projects and ministry outreaches. One of which, was assisting the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in Transnistria and Moldova in Eastern Europe. In addition, we gave monetary assistance to pastors in Cuba, Colombia and Pakistan. Due to the inability to travel, we began conducting ZOOM conferences. Unfortunately, we had to end those ministry options last July, when Gary had heart bypass surgery, followed by two more hospitalizations in November and January. Thankfully, he's made a complete recovery from the heart surgery and received "clean and clear" reports from other medical tests as well.

So, it is with MUCH joy and thanksgiving, we report to you that his health has greatly improved. Gary feels stronger and healthier than he has in years! His health progress and medical tests results have been supernatural. We are confident that your persevering prayers are being answered. Praise God! However, there is still an issue concerning his vision. The good news is that Gary just had an appointment with the chief Ophthalmologist at Lubbock, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and received this wonderful news: the deterioration of vision in his left eye has been halted and the doctor will perform cataract surgery within four to six weeks. Following this procedure, Gary will be able to see clearly and resume regular activities. Because of your persistent prayers and the goodness and mercy of God, this debilitating vision situation will be reversed. Once again, we say THANK YOU to you and to our faithful God!

Run the race,

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; Save me, and I will be saved, for You are the One I Praise. (Jeremiah 17:14)

Revive Us Again!

February and March have been filled with times of rejoicing as we heard how the spirit of revival has spread through college campuses. After Gary and I watched “The Jesus Revolution” movie, we’ve been reflecting and remembering how Jesus began to impact and transform our lives in 1976 with salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, calls to ministry, healings, giftings, friends and many more blessings. And He continues to work in, on and through us.



1972

we both had selfish attitudes, and our actions toward each other included spitefulness and retaliation.

We met on a blind date while Jane Ann was attending college in Denton. She was away from her small-town home for the first time. Gary was raised in the Dallas area and had already experienced what he calls the “reckless” lifestyle. In addition, he was a self-proclaimed agnostic.

We married in 1969 and lived and worked in Lubbock. Though we continued to live the “reckless” lifestyle Gary was accustomed to, we seemed successful to the outside world with good jobs --- Gary as a master plumber, and Jane Ann as a loan officer for Urban Renewal. We were enjoying all the material perks we desired but there was increasing discontent and division between us. Admittedly,

After the birth of our son Brant, wanting to do the right thing as parents, we decided it was time to start going to church. Since Jane Ann had been raised Methodist, we chose to attend a Methodist Church near our apartment. About two months later we received a visit from the pastor, Dr. Robb. He told us of the transforming power of Christ and asked if Gary would like to ask Jesus into his life. Already a “church member”, Jane Ann didn’t think that conversation applied to her. The next Sunday morning Gary went forward for salvation and there was an immediate difference in his words, actions, countenance and demeanor. As Jane Ann saw the dramatic change in Gary, she realized that church membership wasn’t the same as accepting Christ as her personal Savior. A short time later as Jane Ann was driving alone in her car, she asked Christ into her life. In her prayer she told God, “I’m still not 100 percent sure about Jesus, but I do realize my life is in a mess, and there is nothing I can do to make it better, so if Jesus is real, I want Him in my life.” She asked Him to come into her heart ... and He did. “At that exact moment I could actually feel his love being poured over me, changing me.” So, Gary and I were both saved in May 1976 under the ministry of Dr. Ed Robb at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church.



1976

Later we joined Trinity Church and Gary was appointed to the church mission’s board. We went on some short-term mission trips and God began to put the call to missions ministry in our hearts. Through the years in our walk with the Lord, we’ve been blessed with many friends, mentors and pastors who disciplined and taught us, helped us mature in the faith and trusted us with ministry leadership roles. We’ve served in missions at Lubbock Trinity Church under Dr. Morris Sheats, Lubbock Church on the Rock under Pastor Jackie White and at Global Advance in Dallas with Dr. David Shibley. In 2006 we moved back to Lubbock and established Gateway Missions.

Since that time, along with ministry in the United States, we have served in 37 countries on five continents, spreading the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and His power to change and heal lives --- just like He did for us.

Our 53 years of marriage hasn’t been all roses and sunshine. Lines of communication have needed to be rebuilt at times along the way. Being together for 53 years, serving God, each other and others takes a lot of forgiveness, commitment, and most definitely a sense of humor. We are convinced we could have never made it this far in our lives and marriage, without the change that happened 46 years ago, when we accepted Jesus Christ into our hearts as Savior and Lord. He truly redeemed our love and gave us purpose. And we know He can do the same for anyone.

Our family includes Brant Casey and his wife Sofia, Amanda Hill and her husband Chad, as well as our three grandchildren, Taylor, Averi, and Connor Hill. To read more about Gateway Missions, visit our website at www.gatewaymissions.org

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