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Dear Partners and Friends,

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

GALATIANS 6:2

George Merriam and his brother, Charles, were book publishers in Massachusetts in the eighteenth century. They published law books, school textbooks, and editions of the Bible. After the death of Noah Webster, the brothers bought the future publication rights to Webster’s dictionary, which is still published as the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. George Merriam was a Godly man and had this to say about the above verse:

However perplexed you may at any hour become about some question of truth, one refuge and resource is always at hand: you can do something for someone besides yourself. At the times when you cannot see God, there is still open to you this sacred possibility: to show God. For it is the love and kindness of human hearts through which the divine reality comes home to men, whether they name it or not. Let this thought then, stay with you: there may be times when you cannot find help, but there is no time when you cannot give help.

I (Jack) am seeing this in action. While I am writing this, Ann is out giving bread, gospel tracts, and words of encouragement and hope to the beggars sitting on the street seeking money, but responding more positively to the attention of someone who cares enough to come seeking them. Does that sound familiar (see Luke 19:10)? As Mr. Webster said, “There may be times when you cannot find help, but there is no time when you cannot give help.”

It seems that all I can do right now is help people by giving them something to pray about. I was supposed to see the cardiologist on May 6th and hopefully find out the next step in treating my heart condition. We got a call and the appointment was delayed until May 22. We do not want to wait any longer to get out a newsletter update even though we have no future course of action to share. The doctors are hoping the ten pills a day I am taking will open the completely blocked right artery enough to do angioplasty and put in stents. If the medication does not work, by-pass surgery would be next. Because of the condition of my heart, the doctors want to avoid that if at all possible. I am not able to do anything without angina pain.

This is a particularly hard time for Ann. Her mom’s 90th birthday is this month. We had planned to be there for the party, but I can’t travel by air, especially on a long trans-Atlantic flight. Now, we just found out that her mom has cancer on her eyelid that needs to be removed as soon as possible. Ann’s heart is even more divided as she wants to be there to help her mom and she needs to be here to take care of me. As you pray for us, please remember Ann’s mom and family and the trauma she may have to go through with this cancer operation.

The Red Box group continues meeting in our home on Wednesdays for prayer before going to the plaza to preach and minister one on one. We have continued to minister to the individuals God has put in our lives, which now includes a team of cardiologists. A few months ago, we included a photo of Ricardo in his black cape and hat. We have been able to spend more time with him. He is alone in life. His family has nothing to do with him so he stands on the street attracting attention and tries to make friends. We believe he might have some mental problems, but if you deal with people on the street, it is hard to tell anymore. Luis Miguel, who we have mentioned before, is still alive and going to church and the Red Box each week. He has had more toes removed because of his diabetes and is in a wheelchair again but is still so faithful to the Lord. He is an inspiration to us all.

So, those of you who cannot find help, can help us by praying for Jack’s heart condition, Ann, Ann’s mom, the beggars on the street, Ricardo and Luis Miguel. We are so grateful for our partners, both prayer and financial, and for our friends who pray for us. The Lord bless you all.

Love in Christ, *Jack & Ann*

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