

eGlimpse #174 Paul & Kathleen Humphreys – FALL 2018



Durham, Ontario

In October we made a quick trip to Durham, Ontario in Canada, this to connect briefly with the Humphreys family. My mom, Muriel, turns 88 next month!



Clockwise from upper left: Siblings, Paul, Peter, Linda, David (DJ), with Mom Humphreys



A walk in the woods in the fall is one of our favorite activities. We found this large puffball mushroom. Fried in butter, one can get a year's cholesterol quotient in one meal! ☺

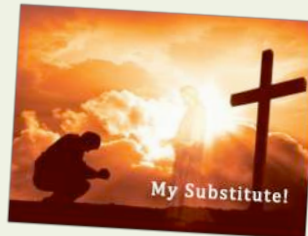


Dear friends all,

The fall colors in our part of the world serve to warn us that winter is coming and a new year waits just around the corner. As Kathleen and I reflect on 2018, it will go down in our books as a year of transition.

PALM *peace at last ministries*

We transitioned to *Peace At Last Ministries* [PALM]. It focuses on sharing God's grace and comfort with those facing end of life challenges—the terminally ill, hospice patients, their families and caregivers. This has already proven to be a most rewarding ministry.



As hospice chaplain, I am daily privileged to be at the bedsides of individuals needing hope and peace.



Printed resources in the form of gospel posters are in development as is a PALM website. We are so grateful for those who partner with us.



Death Doesn't Get the Final Say*

In April 2017, United airlines passenger Richard Bell felt something land on his head. Instinctively he reached up to grab whatever it was and to his horror, found himself holding a live scorpion! As if that wasn't bad enough, the offending arachnid stung Richard's finger.

The airline apologized and offered Richard a credit for a future flight. Small comfort!

I'm sure the airline lost a few customers after that incident. I mean, who would want to hop on an airplane thinking a scorpion might sting them?

This story and question illustrate a spiritual reality. There may be one situation in which every one of us would prefer a scorpion's sting. Which sting would you rather feel, to sit on an airplane and feel the sting of a scorpion or feel the sting of someone's death?

You may have felt the sting of death recently. For others it's been awhile since your loved one died.

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But your heart doesn't hurt any less since it happened. For some, the pain is sporadic; you can cover over it pretty well as long as you can distract yourself with hobbies, work, or by hanging out with friends. But then you find yourself in a particular place or you catch a familiar scent and you are instantly reminded of that loved one. The sting of death returns and you are freshly aware of its painful reality. It's a pain that affects every age and race. It can come suddenly without warning and it can come gradually over time through many months or years of sickness and waiting.

When Jesus died and was buried, his family and friends felt the powerful sting of death. Yet three days later the same Jesus who had died was very much alive!

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* Adapted by Paul Humphreys from a video message given by Pastor Jeremy @ yourtimeofgrace.org

Thanking God for your partnership with us as we seek to help hospice patients and their families experience peace at last,

Paul and Kathleen
Romans 5:1,2



www.peaceatlastministries.org [Coming Soon!]

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