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PEACE AT LAST MINISTRIES (PALM)


We're settled: Since our last eGlimpse, Kathleen and I have settled into our new ministry roles with Peace At Last Ministries (**PALM**) along with my employment at a local healthcare agency as Hospice Chaplain. Together, these roles provide daily opportunities to interact with, learn and share the peace-making work of Jesus Christ with those in their last stages of life—the terminally ill, hospice patients, their loved ones and their caregivers.


We're approved: **PALM** is now officially established as an approved agent of The Great Commission Foundation in Canada and The Friends of the Great Commission in the USA. We are grateful for these service organizations; they help provide financial accountability, stewardship and government compliance with Canada Revenue Agency and Internal Revenue Service.

We're defined: In case you missed it, the ministry purposes of **PALM** can be expressed as a defining acronym:

 **Present the gospel of peace graphically**— laminated pictures, handouts and booklets. A sample picture-story “My Substitute!” can be mailed to you. Just hit reply to this email and include your mailing address. These are provided free of charge as God provides. **PALM** is a vehicle for effective evangelism.

 **Apply the love of God practically**—companionship, a listening presence, prayer, scripture, music and assuring touch. My role as Hospice Chaplain facilitates these practical care-giving interactions. **PALM** is a vehicle for the practical application of the love of God.

 **Lift the burden of patients financially**—not all care facilities are equal. There is great comfort in knowing one’s loved one is receiving quality care. However, some simply cannot afford the level of care their loved ones need. **PALM**, in true Samaritan fashion, is researching how to become a vehicle for meeting such needs through the generosity of God’s people.

 **Meet the needs of Paul & Kathleen strategically**—reaching retirement age doesn’t mean one can afford to retire. Neither do we want to quit serving our great God as long as we have the health and strength to do so. **PALM** is a vehicle (in part) for strategically subsidizing our limited income both now and in the years to come.

We're challenged: In many cases, patients in their last stages of life are impacted by medical conditions such as Dementia, Alzheimer's or strokes. These make communication a challenge. Thus we try to discover 'touch points'—those pockets of memory that remain intact. For example, individuals who attended church in their lifetime will often respond when I play an old hymn such as, "How Great Thou Art." Otherwise non-verbal, some patients amazingly have begun to sing along word-for-word! Music, like a picture, is a powerful communication tool, one that can be used to convey the Bible's message when all other means fail. The third stanza of "How Great Thou Art" is a personal testimony. English missionary, Stuart Hine, is credited with the translation of these contemplative words,

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin...

This is just one of many challenges in working with hospice patients.

We're humbled: If you feel led of the Lord to partner with Kathleen and me in **Peace At Last Ministries** through your financial support and or prayers, let us know so we can provide clear giving instructions and up-to-date prayer requests. We are humbled to serve together with you. We also want to make sure your contact information is accurate. Thanks so much for your help.

[Note: If you prefer to discontinue receiving our eGlimpse updates or mailings for any reason, just let us know so we can remove you from our eGlimpse listing. We promise; we'll not think less of you... 😊]

We're excited: Kathleen and I are excited about this next chapter in our lives, another grace chapter, to be used of God by his grace and enabling and for his glory.

Yours together for making God's gospel of peace clearly known,



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Paul William Humphreys

*"Now the **God of peace** be with you all. Amen."* Romans 15:33

