Peace At Last Ministries (PALM)

Sharing God's comfort with the terminally-ill, their loved ones and caregivers.

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Can't wait!



A dear friend of ours, Richard, was recently admitted to a local hospital. He passed away on March 8th at 91-years of age. A man of vigor and with a keen sense of humor, the years eventually took their toll on his health and strength. Life was no longer fun. But as one who believed the promises of God, he was waiting for the day when his faith would become reality, when he would see his Savior face to face.

I visited Richard and his family shortly before he died. Seeing him lying there in his hospital bed brought back memories of my hospice-chaplain years; agonal breathing, glazed eyes, mottled extremities, unresponsiveness. Hours later, Richard drew his last breath. His waiting ended.

The idea of waiting reminds me of the apostle Paul's words,

> *And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves,* ***waiting eagerly*** *for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.* Romans 8:23. NASB

*"**Waiting eagerly**"* is a compound verb in the Greek—*apekdéxomai*. In my studies, I learned the prefix, *ap* (from *apo*) intensifies the root action, thus the translation, "*waiting eagerly."* If the apostle Paul were writing to us today in our modern English, he might well have put it, "***we can't wait…"***

Elsewhere, Paul uses the same Greek word when he writes,

> *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we* ***eagerly wait*** *for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;* Philippians 3:20 NASB

I don't know about you, but the older I get, I ***can't wait*** for the appearing of our Savior! I ***can't wait*** to enjoy all my adoption benefits as a child of God! And I ***can't wait*** for God to redeem my aging body for one that is thoroughly equipped for eternity!

Richard's waiting is over. Now, I'm *waiting eagerly* to join him—I ***can't wait****!*

Ministry: News:



We are working on an updated version of our flagship evangelistic brochure, *Peace At Last!* It answers the question, *"How can I know God is at peace with me?*" A ministry in Canada desires to make this available through its website. Translations into French and Spanish are on the horizon as well as a video-version. Pray for the resources to bring these projects to completion.

I volunteer as chaplain each week at two assisted living facilities in the area. These provide opportunities for meaningful interaction with residents, their families and caregivers. Additionally, I support several individuals in their homes who are facing end-of-life challenges.

After several months, I completed reading the Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis, to a group of 20-25 seniors. This gave opportunity to interact and explain more about Aslan, *"the lion, the great lion."* As Mr. Beaver tells Susan, "*He's not safe, but He's good I tell you!*" How true this is of our great God and Savior!

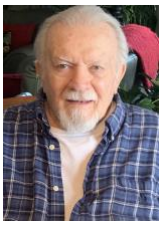
Personal News:



I, Paul, was born in the United Kingdom. A number of relatives still live in that part of the world. For some time, I have had a desire to visit and spend some time with my family there. In March, that desire was fulfilled when I flew to Cardiff and spent ten days in South Wales and England. It was a special joy to connect with my uncle Frank (my father's last-remaining brother of 94 years). I found out that a cousin, whom I hadn't seen for 67 years, was born a month before me in the same house! Please pray for my family's salvation, that the seeds planted during my visit will bear fruit.



It was fun to also meet up with a metal-detecting colleague in South Wales. We spent a delightful day detecting a farmer's field where the Western Roman Empire settled 2,000 years ago. We managed to bring some Roman coins and artifacts to light from the time of Constantine the Third, co-emperor of Rome from AD 409-411. I kept thinking of all the stories the ancient field could tell if it were to speak!



Here at home, we continue to provide support for Kathleen's 92-year-old father (Harold Tiegs) who lives with us. Kathleen does an amazing job keeping us all fed and cared for. We are planning a week's getaway together in July to visit our son, Scott and family in Idaho. We'll finally get to meet our first great grandchild, Forest! ☺

Ever grateful for your sweet fellowship, prayers and support,



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