



# Reed Reflections of Gratitude

...From the desk of Judy Reed

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## Paraplegic No More!

The phone rang. I answered eagerly. Caller ID informed me that it was my dear homebound friend and faithful prayer partner Victoria. She and I had talked and prayed with each other by phone weekly for years. I knew that her back had been hurting—a lot. But I was not prepared to hear that her legs had suddenly given out in the short distance between the couch where she slept and the bathroom, and she had had to be picked up off the floor by paramedics and ambulated to a hospital many miles away from her little town in Arkansas. It didn't take long to learn that a cancerous tumor had wrapped itself around her spine and crushed a vertebra resulting in paralysis from the chest down. Victoria fought hard for a couple of years. On August 7 of this year, she left the nursing home where she had landed after cancer surgery. Both legs are working great now! In fact I imagine she probably *danced* into heaven where she is spending Thanksgiving and Christmas with Jesus for the first time this year! I miss her. But you know what? She's way better off, and *I* have become supremely grateful that I can still get up out of my bed every day and do for myself and others—something I undoubtedly have taken for granted most of my life.

## Exploring a Relationship

We began praying a long time ago about how to launch the courses Robert has been writing—asking God for a third world organization that would be interested in using the courses in their missionary training program. We are exploring a relationship with a school in Costa Rica that seems like it might be a good fit! Please pray for God's will to be done, in His time.

## Happy Thanksgiving! Here Are Some Things We're Thankful For :

- Each other and the joy of belonging
- The ability to get out of bed and do for ourselves and others
- A potential outlet for Robert's courses
- Meaningful ministry
- That Mom can be with us, and that I am able to care for her
- Family, immediate and extended
- Our dear friends and supporters—YOU!
- God's faithful provision—food and clothing and everything we need
- Our home here in Duncanville—and the one that awaits us in heaven!
- Transportation, including a replacement car for my old van that a wonderful donor helped us get
- Electricity, running water, A/C, and things that make life easier (we didn't always have these overseas)
- Doctors and nurses who help with our health
- God's mind-boggling love for us; His goodness and faithfulness
- The Bible in our own language
- Come what may, God is in control and He is with us!



...What are you thankful for today?

## Ready or Not, Here He Comes!

What an exciting—and challenging—time to be alive! 2020 is nearly over. It's been quite a year. Covid, lockdowns, riots, elections... In the midst of it all, God is working! He is calling each of us closer to Himself. He wants to wake up the church, purify us, prepare us to join Him as His bride. He is coming back soon to get us! Maybe today! Are you ready?

Since this is the last scheduled newsletter of the year for us, I don't want to close without wishing each of you a **Wonderful Celebration of Christ's birth** and a **Blessed New Year** of walking intimately with Jesus and experiencing His outrageous love for you every day. Thank you for being our friends, for supporting us in our lives and ministry. We love and appreciate you!



### Prayer

- For our country. For revival in the Church here and around the world.
- For a deep walk with Jesus for all of us and our extended families.
- Courage to remain faithful no matter what happens in our world.
- That we will all reflect Christ well and take opportunities to share the Gospel. Many still need Him!
- For God's outlet for Robert's courses, in His time.
- My mom has been struggling with severely dry eyes.

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