## Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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Dear Prayer Partners:

Since we left Oregon on June 20, we have been quite busy! We have been to a wedding, a funeral, a reunion and our 50th wedding celebration. This happened while we visited several supporting churches in Oklahoma and Texas. I officiated the wedding of a good preacher friend, Bro Raymond Johnson and wife, Eula. At the same time, we were saddened by our 43 yr old niece, Kim's passing. We made it at the end of the McKinney/Colbert family reunion, but we did get a T-shirt for attending. We were blessed to have family & friends with us to celebrate 50 years together. Our daughter and kids from Pennsylvania were also able to attend. Thank you for the cards and gifts that we received!

We were able to visit five of our supporting churches in Oklahoma the last two weeks of June and after the 4th of July. Afterwards, we traveled to visit churches in the Fort Worth, TX area for the rest of July. Then Larry got sick and ended up in the hospital. Drs said he had a tick borne sickness. He had gone fishing while in OK and was bit by ticks. After a four day hospital stay, we went back on the road. He still gets tired, but we try to rest between appointments.

Some highlights of our church visits so far are:

- Revival in the Fairfield Baptist Church in Stilwell, OK. It's a Cherokee church, and many people rededicated their lives to the Lord. One young man surrendered to full time service!
- Response from folks after seeing and hearing the report from the Warm Springs reservation. Many said they will continue to pray for the church there!
- Rejoiced with the family of Bro. Young Houston at the celebration of his 97th birthday.
  We were happy to be In San Angelo to be able to visit him and share birthday cake!

Now we are continuing our Furlough in Texas. It will take us several months to visit the churches here. God has been so good to us through the churches that we have visited. The Pastors, their families, and church families have taken good care of us. Thank you for your provision and help in getting us to our next appointment. It's an honor and privilege to serve our Lord Jesus Christ! God's richest blessings to you all!

Because of Christ

Bro Larry and Regina McKinney