Dear Friends,

It has been quite a while since I have written to you, mainly because there is not much to report. I had a major milestone this year...I turned 80 years old. Some say that life begins at 80, so we shall see. At this time I have no major health issues just the 80 year old aches and pains. I am the proud recipient of a pacemaker that was installed this year so I may be good for a while yet.

My time is spent serving wherever I can...my church, in Stephen Ministry, my family, Bible Studies, and reaching out to people in need of encouragement. My main joy is studying my Bible daily, finding nuggets of Truth that had been overlooked before. I have more time to read, and pray for those of you and others that are serving God on the front lines. Praying also for the persecuted church and for the nations that are oppressing the Gospel message.

I am living in an addition to my son Andrew's house. He and his family keep an eye on me and see that all my needs are met, and I try to help where I can to bless them. My youngest son Phillip and his family live in Mansfield, Texas and I see them often. The eldest son, Stephen, lives way up in the San Juan Islands in Washington State. My eldest granddaughter, Caitlin, was married in February last year to Parker Smith and they live in Atlanta. Two of my grandsons are now in college, and two grandsons and a granddaughter in high school. They just keep growing!

Your part in my life is so appreciated. It is a joy to receive your sweet sacrificial gift every month and it is a blessing to me. As I enter into a new year I am aware that life is just day to day. We never know what lies ahead tomorrow. The Scripture that touched me the most the first day of this year was Psalm 119:123 in the ESV, "My eyes long for Your salvation and for the fulfillment of Your righteous promise." This little poem, quoted by Nick C. Harris speaks to me:

Here in my body pent, (per Absent from Him to roam; Yet nightly pitch my moving tent A days march closer Home.

(pent=pending or waiting)

Thank you for your faithful support this year!

Maranatha,

**Becky Wambsganss** 

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