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**Missionaries in His
service 'til He comes**

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Dear Praying Friends,

Have you ever thought about the "dash" between the dates on a tombstone? Everybody has a "dash". We were born and one day, if the Lord does not come we will all die. (Heb. 9:27) Hopefully Jesus will come before we die but never the less the "dash" still remains. In our younger years our parents made a lot of our choices but when we were on our own we all make our own choices what we put into that "dash" .

Carol and I made our lifetime commitment to serve the Lord back in 1966 and plan we to continue that commitment until the Lord takes us home, either by death or at His soon return in the rapture. (1 Thess. 4:13-18) We have and are investing our lives doing His will in reaching a lost and dying world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ until the end of our "dash"; that is our choice and desire.

Let me share this with you. My good friend, James Gilliam, has put a lot of good things into his "dash" since I have known him. Yes, he has retired from his secular job but has not retired from serving his Lord. Faithful to his church in all the services, singing in the choir, active in the visitation program, speaking at an assisted living complex, plus a lot of others things. Up until recently, (before he became home bound), James has been giving out our Gospel DVDs wherever he goes. Each month he would take the DVDs to the Heart Center and would display them at the sign-up counter. Each month the supply was depleted and James would leave more. Bro. James was getting a couple hundred DVDs from me about every two weeks. Well, James did what he could when he could for the honor and glory of God. He also mailed a DVD along with a personal letter to every home on his street.



Remember the woman (in Mark 14:3) "*having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his (Jesus) head.*" Verse 8 says "**She hath done what she could:**" Psa. 92:14-15 says, "**They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**"

People like Bro. James, and a lot of "old missionaries like ourselves" are still investing what is most important in our "dash", like our time, our finances, our prayers, our energy in order to reach as many people for Christ as we can for the glory of God. You have heard the commercial from that credit card company where they ask "what's in your wallet?" Well, my question is what is in your "dash"? Reaching people (missions) is a great and eternal investment. Thank you for your continued participation in our ministry.

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