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Dear brethren,

There have been tremendous distractions this summer and fall to our worldwide mission of “Confirming the Churches,” and significant changes to our travel and teaching plan. On the morning of June 24 I purchased the airline tickets for a 3-week work in and around Hyderabad, India. The evening of that same day, while visiting in Little Rock in the home of our daughter, my wife, Chris, suffered a stroke.

By the end of the second day after the stroke the doctors were pleased with her progress, and by the fourth day they were planning to send her home on the sixth day. Almost no sign of impairment remained on that 4<sup>th</sup> day. Late that evening however, she suffered a second stroke that has had a much more profound effect. She continued 20 days in St. Vincent’s hospital in Little Rock, then another 32 days in the Harrisburg nursing home for rehabilitation. Today, more than four months since the strokes, she still is not able to handle alone her former household chores in the kitchen or laundry room (though occasionally she has been able to help me or our daughter with these). She has regained her ability to speak clearly, but still has a great deal of difficulty getting the right words to come out. The good news is that, except for meal preparation, she has been able to function alone at home during the day while I have, since mid-October, been able to return to a nearly full schedule of work with the Harrisburg church.

Obviously, it was necessary for me to cancel the planned October trip to India. By the second week of October Chris was doing well enough that she could have stayed with our daughter for the duration of my trip. Having watched her over the past three weeks, and having consulted with her doctors, we decided that it is appropriate to reschedule the trip. I have, however, shortened it to a two-week mission.

I am currently scheduled to be in Hyderabad January 17-30, 2012. Brother T.V. Samson Raj, director of International Bible Academe, has me scheduled to teach Hebrews and Hermeneutics during that time. The original trip included time to visit with some of the graduates of the school and the churches with which they work, encouraging saints and training teachers. The two men who had planned to conduct me to those surrounding towns will not be available in January, but there may be some opportunity to visit some of those churches on weekends.

Thank you sincerely for your support of this work, and for your many fervent prayers for my wife and myself. Please continue to pray that her health will improve, and that this work can continue to expand. There is much need in many places (we have invitations from six countries to come as soon as possible), and I am prepared to go as the Lord permits. May He bless you in all that you do at home and in every place that you have influence through manpower and financial support. We shall endeavor to represent you and Him in an acceptable manner.

In His service,

A. L. Parr