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My Dear Friends and Family,

I confess that it has been much too long since I have been in touch, so I am sorry that I have neglected you.

A lot has been going on. As I approach my 78th year, I confess that old age is beginning to take a toll, not only with me personally, but to my ministry as well.

- **Macular Degeneration** is gradually robbing me of my eyesight, which for now is making nighttime driving dangerous, so I am unable to get to our nighttime ministry sights. Our faithful volunteer Richard Miller was taking me, but at 81, his health has taken a dramatic turn for the worse, and he can no longer take me.
- **Back issues** also limit my mobility making it difficult to stand or walk for any long length of time.
- I also had a bout of **Covid**, in which I had to go to Emergency.
- **Lack of energy** is also making it difficult to get things done.

Ready for some good news? I can still drive during the day, so the children's ministry continues. Last Wednesday we pulled into our Townsend Street location, and the kids were there waiting for us: always a good sign. The parents are always good at making sure we have a place to park our van.



- **Pray for** my future in ministry as God seems to have been making some changes in my life and ministry after serving with Open Air Campaigners for 53 years. Pray I will be sensitive to any direction that God may be leading me toward.

- **Pray that** God will supply Frank Baldus (the current Area Director) with a younger team, as most of the current team are elderly and beginning to fade.

Thanks for your faithful prayers and giving all these years!

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