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“Weep with those that weep.” I wept today as I received the beautiful pamphlet depicting the celebration of the life of Danelle Awtrey, the eldest daughter of Dan and Bethel Awtrey, long-time supporters and dear friends. It seems so strange to see others pass away while I pass along.

I have a cancer. Not sure if it will take me Home soon. A tumor on one ovary, stage 4, they say, has filled my abdomen with liquid that is very uncomfortable. I didn’t expect to experience the discomfort of late-term pregnancy this late in life! Being inoperable has made the decision easy to go with alternative medicine. My doctor has about 50 cancer patients on it and with good reports. On April 4<sup>th</sup> I went for an evaluation. May 5<sup>th</sup>, confirmed. So far, so good. No pain.

When my Jim died, I asked the Lord for 30 more years to LIVE and WORK for Him here. I am working on year number 24. If He is going to give me those other 6 years, only He knows for sure. I am ready, but I asked Him if he had a plan for me. He placed in my heart: “Sunday mornings in Boqueron”, doing something to help my grandson and wife open a new work.

Besides, I have two more books to write. I wrote one for my family, Once Upon A Dog. If it will be published is up to them. I am on chapter 3 of Just Jim Willis, Jim’s biography. I think we need for books for our kids. After bringing two barrels of books to Panama, Jim said, all I really need is my Bible, a concordance and books about others who have done the work and how they did it! And I want to write one on Missionary widows, Left-Over Missionaries.

So, here I am, a left-over missionary on furlough for one year after 35 years of continuous teaching in Bible institute, helping to prepare the, around, 78 graduates who are carrying the work forward, waiting to see where the next step will lead.

I am truly grateful for the prayers and solid financial support you have afforded me during Jim’s 26 years as a brittle diabetic missionary and those left to me to do what I can. Ephesians 3:20...watch “according...us....”

Love, Elaine

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