

Well done, good and faithful servant



As we had a celebration of Reggie's life, there were churches throughout the world holding their own services. One in particular was held in Gonaives, Haiti. All the preachers and the Jesus Loves Me Children gathered to celebrate Reggie.



There were 200 in attendance.



Immersion in 2020

We praise God that during this year 2020 there have been 961 souls who have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord and obeyed Him in Christian baptism. Praise the Lord!!! Pray for these new Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

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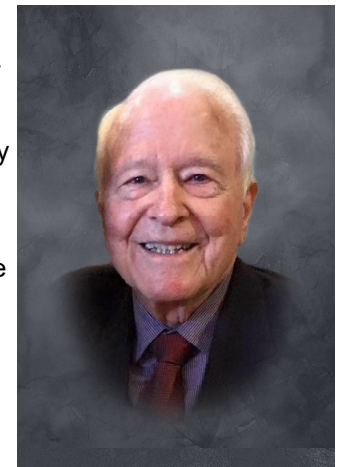
This newsletter will be different, but it will be special. This month will be a memorial to a great preacher, a great soul winner, a great friend, and my Dad.

Reginald Gregg 'Reggie' Thomas, age 91, Joplin, passed away Monday, March 2, 2020 at Mercy Hospital after suffering from a stroke.

Reggie was born January 8, 1929 in Joplin, Missouri to the late A.R. Thomas and Florence Higginbotham Thomas. He was baptized at the age of eight years in the South Joplin Christian Church, Joplin, Missouri. In 1943 he and his parents moved to Miami, Oklahoma, where he became very active in the First Christian Church. He dedicated his life to a specific Christian service at the age of 16, and under the ministry of Russell L. Martin was inspired to begin preaching immediately. He graduated from Miami High School in 1947 and attended Cincinnati Bible seminary, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Reggie was a full-time evangelist, and his work took him to many parts of the world. He served 3 located ministries; 1955-1961 Catlin Church of Christ, Catlin, Illinois, 1961-1966 East Point Christian Church, East Point, Ga, and 1979-1987 Hickory Valley Christian Church, Chattanooga, TN. The other years he spent travelling worldwide. In 1978 he organized White Fields Overseas Evangelism. It is the goal of White Fields to take the Gospel to every nation. He traveled to 83 nations, established over 700 churches, and over 400,000 baptisms. Many people have shared in these crusades including his own family. On July 1, 2017, Reggie realized it was time to slow down and retire. He asked his youngest daughter Lori to be the Director of White Fields.

During his retirement, Reggie wrote a book of his memories at located ministries and a few from his time as a traveling Evangelist.



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Reggie loved his family with all his heart. He cherished the time he spent with them. He will be missed by everyone that knew and loved him.

He married Esther Matthews on December 17, 1977 in Lamar, Missouri. She survives at the home.

Additional survivors include his children, Tony Thomas and wife, Christie, Tracy Thomas and wife, Janie, Chris Henson and husband, Mark, Tim Thomas and wife, Sandy, Teresa Diener, and husband, Bud, Lori Darnell and husband, Zane;

twenty six grandchildren; forty three great grandchildren a sister, Barbara Barger; a brother, Ed Thomas; nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

In addition to his parents, Reggie was preceded in death by two sons, Terry Thomas and Tom Fullerton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to White Fields Overseas Evangelism.

WAS IT WORTH IT?

As we sat around the ICU bed with Reggie, we talked about his life, we told stories. As we were grieving we were also praising God. We are thankful for the long, active life God allowed him to have. We could see his joy when he saw the gates of Heaven. We became overwhelmed as we thought of the numerous people who were welcoming him because of his service to God, his desire to win the lost. That sight brought new tears to our eyes. Was it worth it?

His dedication was tremendous, it was a sacrifice. Was it worth it?

Sunday, March 1, Reggie rose early for choir practice at church, Sang with the choir during the service, and practiced again afterwards.



After lunch, he sat down and emailed some of the White Fields preachers his weekly encouraging notes. In the early hours of Monday, March 2, he unexpectedly suffered a massive stroke. He happily served right up until he was called Home. Was it worth it?



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Rolando & Isis, Cuba

We are so grateful to Reggie that it's impossible to describe, he changed our lives as well as many others too, he lead the evangelizing with the real Truth and started the Christian Church here in Cuba, many souls have been saved with his labor and example. He was an extraordinary man of God and best friend for us. God has him in His Glory.

In memoriam of Reggie Thomas

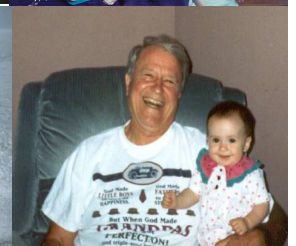
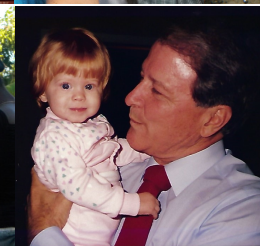
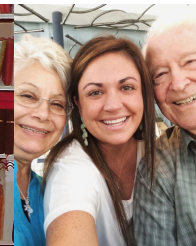


Extraordinary man of God, and energetic evangelist with the main purposes in his life, the promise to obey God and the perseverant labor. We are so grateful to Reggie that there is no possible way to express properly. We met him and Esther under special circumstances, but the situation that looked casual, we understood later that was in the plan of God for us and for many others. We received in school and from society the teaching of materialism and the duty to follow human leaders that knew and did the best for us, as they said. When we received thru our father in the faith, Reggie Thomas, the eternal truth of the Gospel as the Bible shows, we began to be truly free. He showed us to follow only the Word of God and to do the things according to the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus. We received confidence and strength to begin work for our Lord when facing all difficulties, persecution and hostilities of the secular world. Always trusting in the perfect justice of God and His plans for us and others. We, and many others, will be grateful forever to Reggie and keeping his love and dedication to us in our hearts. With all of our love and gratitude Rolando and Isis



Jim Boman, USA

Reggie was my good friend & mentor. I've made many mission trips with him. I recall our first trip was to Russia, our wives went. My wife had never flown, her comment was, "If Reggie is going, we will have angels with us!" We flew in an old, antiqued Russian plane with patches on the floor. It was called Aeroflot, I said if this thing doesn't fly, I hope it floats! Reggie's long legs & vitality, I could never keep up with him, especially in the airports!



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Sainsurin Jean Baptiste

I Sainsurin Jean-Baptiste met Brother Reggie when I was 23 in 1975, in 1985 Reggie sent me to Winston Salem Bible College, I graduated 1989, after that I went back home, since that time, I started to translate for him and work beside him but I learn a lot by him, My preaching and teaching in Haiti imitates the style of Brother Reggie's preaching and teaching. Now because death is a gain for the one who is in Christ. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day 2nd Timothy 4:7-8



Terry, USA

Oh, my, Lori! He is genuinely one of the most precious men I've ever had the pleasure to know. I'm so honored to have been Reggie's friend; I look forward to meeting up with him in heaven. Lori, I love you and your family. You'll all be in my prayers. It's a tough loss for those left behind, but Reggie is enjoying his heavenly rewards with Jesus, "right now"!



Descar Auzeel, St Marc, Haiti

A new touching, which brings sadness. Certainly lost a family member, it's hard. But we hope His Jesus has already prepared a place for his child.

2 Timothy, 4: 7 - 8 "I was fighting the right fight," he was completed the race, "he was keeping faith

I send my condolences to the whole family more particularly to Mrs Esther Thomas and you.

The First Christian Church of Saint-Marc send our sympathies to the Thomas family and grateful for all the sacrifices that were made by Evangelist Reggie Thomas for the growth of this Church in Saint-Marc, his work is fruitful.

That God gives you more capacity, more grace in order to continue work around the world. My condolences and wishes for you.
Love Descar Auzeel.



Judy, USA

Sending all of you our love.....Reggie was absolutely mine and Robert's favorite!!!! I am confident that he is singing and rejoicing at the feet of Jesus! I have never known a more humble servant of Jesus than your dad. God bless all of you as we all mourn this great man of God!



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Reggie Thomas adored his family and we adored him. Most people never saw the "Dad" side of him. We learned early on that we had to share our father with the world. Reggie missed birthdays, anniversaries, sporting events, weddings, births, graduations. We went all over the world, but not for

vacation or sight seeing. We were either early or late to places, had to wait on meals or bedtime. Was it worth it?



Reggie spent hours and hours in an airport or on a plane. There were times he did not have adequate food or housing. He was surrounded by diseases and in harms way. There were interruptions, distractions, frustrations and very rarely did things go as planned. Was it worth it?

Throughout his overseas ministry, Reggie preached hundreds of thousands sermons, prayed for the lost, baptized over 600,000 souls into Christ, taught preachers, encouraged everyone to go out and win at least 1 person, and planted over 700 churches worldwide. Was it worth it?



What would Reggie say?

Was it worth it ?

Worth the many souls won for Christ? **YES**

Worth the many hours spent in airports and on airplanes? **YES**

Worth the look of hate in the people's eyes change, soften as they listened to God's word and accept Jesus into their heart and life ? **YES**

Worth seeing all the many wonders God blessed this planet with? **YES**

Worth all the prayers we said over the sick starving poor people of this Earth ? **YES**

Worth realizing the work done in the past is now being carried on by younger men who listened carefully? **YES**

Worth the amazing Christian love Jesus taught when He was here on this Earth and God filled us with so abundantly. Enough for us to love mankind for as long as we live **YES**

**YES It was worth it
YES It was worth every moment
and I would do it all over again YES
Praise The Lord**



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TRIBUTES

We have received so many heartfelt condolences and tributes from all over the world concerning Reggie! We wanted to share some of them with you.

Susan, USA

When Lori asked me if I would like to write a note about Reggie and how much he meant to me I said "of course" and I thought this would be an easy task. Boy, was I wrong, because you see, it's hard to put into words and keep it short of a novel length., Reggie and his family walked into my world in 1979 I believe when Reggie became the minister of Hickory Valley Christian Church in Chattanooga, TN. I loved them instantly and Reggie really "got" me and my quirky sense of humor and that created a bond that would last for over 40 years. Through Reggie, I became involved with White Fields Overseas Evangelism which has blessed my life so much I can't express it! All of you know what a great man Reggie Thomas was, and part of his greatness was that he cared about "the least of these". He loved winning people to the Lord and he loved his orphaned children and he made time for the little things -things that ordinary people wouldn't have time for or make time for.

I would often call Reggie and Esther asking for prayer for the ducks and geese in my area, because my husband and I run a non profit waterfowl rescue service here in Chattanooga. Even as busy as Reggie was he always found time to pray for the waterfowl, because they are terribly mistreated here. And again I'm reminded of how he cared for the smallest of things.

Reggie took me in as one of his own, and Esther did too. I always felt honored to be called his other daughter, and I always felt he was the surrogate father GOD chose for me. I will always be thankful and grateful to have know such an amazing man and to have been blessed to have had Reggie in my life. And thank you his wonderful family for sharing him with me for all these years, he loved all of you all so much and was so proud of you! In his last letter to me just last month he told me about what each and every one of his children were doing and how many children each one had. You could tell he was a proud father and grandfather. Having come from a broken home I was always in awe of his wonderful family and their closeness. I guess you could say I enjoyed living vicariously through his family.

I will close with one final remembrance of Reggie-this happened the day Reggie left us and went to heaven. I had been trying to rescue a beautiful white goose from a park for three years . Someone had recently shot and killed a white duck there so I was even more anxious to get the big white goose away from there. I asked my husband on Monday to go by the park and check on the goose for me, and I said to him sort of flippantly, "get him if you can". My husband called me just about five minutes later and said "I got him"!! And I in turn, told my husband that Reggie had just passed away a few short minutes ago!! I told my husband Reggie did this for us!!

Some of you may not agree, but I know that Reggie asked the Good LORD to help me! And yet again it was "the least of these things " it mattered to this great man.

The world is a much emptier place now for all of us left behind, but oh my, how full heaven is with our beloved Reggie. And I am so glad we have the promise of being reunited with all our loved ones some day, and that we will again hear that wonderful laugh of Reggie Thomas. I will think of you and miss you every day until I see you again. I love you Reggie! Thank you for making my life better because you cared "for the least of these"!!

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Jean Ronel Joseph, Pignon, Haiti

I first got introduced to Reggie Thomas in 2016 by his daughter Lori Thomas Darnell who was my friend and until now we are good friends. I then met Reggie face to face in April 2016 where we started together the First Christian Church of Pignon on April 24th, 2016, we met with up to 30 people that day. He was the preacher who preached the gospel on that Sunday and I was his interpreter.



We became good friends and he would always encourage me to stay faithful in the work of the Lord as a young man. Because of the work he implanted that day FCC now has over 80 members that are walking with the Lord and committed to know the words of God, practice and share with others. And Mark's Home is taking care of 10 orphans. The Lord started all this through him.

Reggie and I developed a relationship since then where we will always write back and forth every Sunday to share about our worship moment with the Lord in our respective gatherings. And he always had something to teach in God's Word on each email

But please pray for Mark's Home and First Christian Church and all other ministries Reggie help started around the world. Please pray that God provides through White Fields Overseas Evangelism that those ministries continue to grow the Kingdom of God which will always make Reggie's spirit happy where he is now with his Lord and Savior.

Let us imitate that good thing from Reggie, an honest man of God who always thinks about others needs and puts them before his. He always said to me "keep up the good work".

May the Lord comfort the Thomas family!

Well done faithful servant, Rest In Peace my friend , I will never forget you!

Bus York, USA

Short Reggie story: I was a little nervous before my first trip to Haiti, so I asked Reggie for some sage advice and wisdom, concerning things to avoid at all costs. He smiled and knowingly offered 1: don't drink the water, 2: don't get sick because the medical treatment may be worse than the illness and 3: don't get lost in Port au Prince after dark. Ok, no problem. However, failed to share the most important thing to avoid in Haiti: never, ever ride with Reggie Thomas! EVER!!

Randy , USA

I remember when I met Reggie for the first time. He let me know there were needs for Dental Care In Haiti. I thought to myself "I will never go there", this is when the AIDES virus was new and very feared. He and the Lord worked on my heart . I ended up doing 3 missions to Haiti and supporting the efforts of our Church to build an orphanage. The fields are white for harvest. Reggie carried that message. Well done!

Matthew 25:21

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

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EK Duriraj, India

Greetings from EK and Joys,

Its my duty and pleasure to share a few words about my elder brother Reggie Thomas. I've known him for more than 4 decades . He is full of love and concern for the dying souls. Though he is a Founder and Director of the White Fields , he would never order to anyone to do this and do that, he himself would do the work of the Lord and in a humble way.

Every year in the month of January he would bring (sometimes he would send the team) the team to India and preach the Gospel is every nook and corner of the villages .Every year he won thousands and thousands of dying souls in to Christ .

Through him thousands of Churches were planted by the White Fields Ministry. Always he was concerned with the dying souls and the Lord's Church.

Brother Reggie is a faithful man of God and role model to every one; evangelist/ missionary extraordinaire, mentor to many, a kind, gentle and compassionate soul. A devoted father, faithful friend and co-worker.. He gave life to thousands and thousands of orphan children and giving them a bright future. Though he had a lot of work to do, if he receive any mail from anyone he would answer them immediately. Whenever I send mail to him , he will reply to me immediately. I received a mail from him just one week back. I tried my best to meet him in person in the month of November 2019 but I couldn't . But no doubt I will meet him in the presence of God. I pray God to bless his family and give them comfort and peace and may the Lord help to continue White Fields Ministry and bring many more souls in to Christ. We miss him lot.

In His Service,
EK and Joys

Jean St Juste, Haiti

One of the greatest man I ever knew. May your soul rest in peace, till we meet again in eternity.

Gloria, USA

Lori, am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved father, Reggie! He touched so many lives around the world with the love of Jesus, including mine. I was baptized during a revival he was preaching in Moberly, Missouri when I was in junior high, while my dad was attending CCCB there. I am so thankful for your dad and the impact he had on my life and so many others. I know God is saying "welcome home, good and faithful servant". Praying for comfort and God's abundant blessings for all of your family!

Seth Effa, Ghana

Hi sister Lori and Mum Esther,

We are very sad this morning to hear this sad news about our fathers death, may his soul rest in peace. Papa we will stop crying because you have fought a good fight for God while you were on earth. Here many will give much thanks to you for the kind of love you have bestowed on us.. Thanks so much . We love you

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Doug Willis, Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words today about God's servant, Reggie Thomas.

A great outpouring of grief, coupled with gratitude has been pouring in from around the world this past week at the news of Reggie's passing to his eternal reward.

We met in 1960 and have worked in many different nations of the world, in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been inseparable friends and co-workers over the past 60 years, and along with you, I have seen how his life and ministry have impacted countless numbers of individuals and churches.

For many years I envied Reggie for his single mindedness. I don't think he could do anything else except preach and be a great husband and dad. Nor did he try!

He wrote in the forward of my recently published book, 'Doug's invitation to preach in Australia lingered in my heart for five years. Finally I was led by God to dedicate the remainder of my life to foreign missions and determined that Australia would be my first overseas ministry'. This was the first of several visits resulting in hundreds of conversions, with sound and clear doctrinal presentation on the way of salvation. He brought teams of evangelists 'down under' from America who also gave us a much needed push to propagate the teachings of the New Testament church.

Sincerity is a most important trait in a preacher, and in Reggie, I found the most sincere preacher I have ever met.

Like you all, especially Esther and the children, I will miss his kind considerate spirit; his gentle counsel and support, and his faithful friendship.

Nemesio Carbonilla, Philippines

Reggie Thomas and White Fields became part of our existence as one of White Fields Evangelist. It was March 22, 1984 when we cross the Sea of Cebu to Bohol by faith as it was part of our evacuation period due to the fighting in Mindanao between NPN and government soldiers together with the Muslim bandits.

A month before we left I presented an application to become one of the evangelist in Bohol Island. He accepted my letter with a nice smile. To make a long story short he introduced me and my family to his American companions including Jack Little with no promise of support except saying ***please help us pray to find a sponsor for you. The moment we run out of money in the island we felt there was no where to go to except to our Lord Jesus Christ for prayer, because we were new to that place and had only 2,600 pesos in my pocket when we cross the island it was at that time that Reggie's \$25.00 started coming saving us from being starved. It came every month and grew from \$25 to \$150. To God be the glory who really knows when we need His help. The Churches in Bohol started only with Reggie's support.***

Lesa, USA

What a great man who walked with Jesus Christ and taught us by example how to love one another just as Christ did!! Love you all!! You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

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Benito Jean, Gonaives, Haiti

The Primitive Christian Church of Gonaives located Haiti learned with astonishment the death of the eminent evangelist our brother, collaborator, friend, counselor Reggie Thomas. Since his arrival here in Haiti around 1972, precisely in the Artibonite department, his messages were so clear, many church leaders have easily collaborated with him. Evangelist Thomas did not preach religion but preached Christ. He was not only working spiritually, he invested heavily in the social rate economically. Even though he was older, we thought he would return to Haiti even for the last time for a last message. Fortunately he died in His arms, in the work of the Lord like a valiant soldier. Knowing what he meant to us in Haiti, what he achieved in the country, even if he died physically, but his works remain and remain alive in the eyes of all of us. The Primitive Christian Church where he preached revivals, crusades feels much struck by this painful separation. In this circumstance, by the organ of his Pastor Benito Jean, the brothers and sisters of this church, even those of the area where the assembly houses, particularly the children; present their sympathies to the friends and allies struck by this mourning in particular, Mrs. Esther Thomas his wife and daughter Lori Thomas Darnell.

Aaron Whisnant, Liberia

Hi Sis Lori, as the sun goes down, the soul of our father is with the Lord; let's rejoice in the life he lived, the example he was, and the pillow he left for us to lie on. May God guide you and the rest of your family. Take heart and stand as an army of valor.

We the following ministers of the gospel for and on behalf of our families and local congregations extend our deepest condolences to our dear Mother Mrs. Esther Thomas, Sister Lori Thomas Darnell and the rest of the bereaved family for the passing of our dear father and mentor Evangelist Reggie Thomas. His passing is a great and irreplaceable lost to all of us, yet at the same time we whole heartedly rejoice and celebrate his home going . We will forever cherish his good memories; He was indeed a good and faithful husband, a loving caring father and a faithful servant of Christ who devoted his life and resources to the propagation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus as well as planning and supporting Churches, preachers, orphanage homes among many other Christian endeavors around the world.

Cheery Abesio, Philippines

A good Servant of God, evangelist, missionary, mentor of many, a kind gentle, and devoted father, a faithful friend. We will all miss him. He was the most sincere preacher I have ever met. I love you my American daddy Reggie.

Elena Yordonova, Bulgaria

I know it's very hard time for you - praying and sending my love and hugs! Reggie IS (because i cannot talk for him in past time) such a big blessing and very, very special man! I'm so thankful to God for every moment I worked with him!

Diane, USA

I have no words to express my sorrow for your family. I truly believe Reggie was one of the greatest men to have ever walked on this earth. What a legacy to know the world certainly has more Christian's because of Reggie. Sending love and prayers to y'all,

Francius Joseph, Gonaives, Haiti

I'm so sorry and I'm so sad about the news we lost a good man in the ministry of the Lord. I rejoice because he is going to his father in the Heaven. Reggie is my good father in Christ and he loves me so much I never forget him.

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Ronnie, USA

Reggie, Esther and Lori were sent by the Lord to minister at Hickory Valley Christian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. From the beginning, they blessed us with their presence as they lived their lives in accordance with God's will and they showed God's grace and love to all our members. Every member of HVCC felt blessed to know Reggie was sharing God's word in a way that was easy for us to understand and share the message with those who needed to know Christ. Reggie's messages always started with a humorous tale, which you knew was funny when Reggie out laughed the audience. Once he got your attention, he lead you through the scriptures and taught us the message God had for that Sunday. Reggie recruited members of HVCC to join him as we visited many in their homes and shared Christ's love. Reggie was truly the best evangelist I have ever labored for Christ with. Reggie was loved by all at HVCC and had many strong loving relationships that will endure forever. Reggie helped grow our church and left HVCC to pursue full time evangelism. We lost a wonderful minister, but followed his pursuit of the lost as his ministry touched many lives in many nations. Reggie was the best minister we have had at HVCC and will truly be missed. We pray for God's blessings to be with Esther, Lori and the entire Thomas clan. We love you, Ronnie Williams

Chris, USA

Saddened to hear of Reggie's passing! We loved us some Reggie! It's awesome to read his legacy here on this earth from so many. I can only imagine how many others he had touched with that gentle smile and all around goodness that lived in his heart! We are lifting you and the Thomas family up!

Roland McGill, Liberia

Dear Sis. Lori
I bring you greeting from my family and the saints of God at Global Fellowship Church of Christ.

On behalf of my family and the entire membership of our church, I like to extend our deepest condolences to you and your entire family, most especially our dear Mother Mrs. Esther Thomas for the passing of her dear husband (our beloved father and mentor) Evangelist Reggie Thomas who is now with our Lord Jesus.

His passing is a great and irreplaceable lost to all of us. Indeed we all love him so much, but Jesus love him the best and has call him home to rest. Our hearts and prayers are with you as you mourn and yet at the same time celebrate his home going.
May the comforting hands of our Lord bind you together and keep you strong.

Once again, please convey my personal greetings to my sponsors/supporters, My family and I are very grateful and highly appreciate their support for us.

