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## **ADAMS APRIL, 2008, UPDATE**

**“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.”**

**“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of obedience and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies melt as they burn! But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” (2 Peter 3:8-13) ESV**

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are writing to thank all of you who have stood by us through your prayers during the time of Randy's illness. We also want to inform you that Earl's brother, Randy, went to be with the Lord Jesus on Saturday afternoon, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for what He has so graciously done for Randy and for our family!

Earl was able to leave Bolivia on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and he arrived in Birmingham at the UAB Hospital CCU unit on Friday afternoon, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Our daughter, Lani Sewell, brought him there, where he was united with his other two brothers, Bruce and Jeff, and his sister, Angie Perry. There was no hope for Randy to ever recover from all of his many health issues. However, the biggest issue had already been settled only four months earlier when The Lord God Almighty saved his soul and made a new creation out of him and adopted Randy into His very own family. This was in spite of the fact that Randy had been a rebellious sinner for the prior 55 years. God was being very patient with Randy. He desired to show him the grace and mercy and forgiveness found only through the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, what a Savior!!! God graciously then turned Randy's life around as He caused Randy to show fruit unto repentance for the Holy Spirit was at work within him. We can't tell you what a comfort it is to all of our family to know beyond any shadow of doubt that Randy is now in the very Presence of a Holy God in that Holy Place where His Savior, Jesus Christ, had already gone before Him to prepare for him and for all who love Him. He made Randy ready for the place that He had already made ready for him in that Heavenly City, “whose Builder and Maker is God.”

No mother has ever prayed for her children any more fervently than our mother has prayed for all of us many, many times and every day of our lives. How we do thank God for allowing her to see her prayer for the salvation of Randy's soul answered by our loving Heavenly Father. He has now made

all five of her children part of His new creation in Christ Jesus. Oh, what a gracious Father!! This is what has sustained and comforted our hearts during this trial.

We are so grateful to Rev. Micah Gandy, the pastor of the Elkdale Baptist Church in Selma, Alabama for the time that he spent with Randy. The Lord really used Micah to befriend and counsel and share the Gospel with him. Randy was saved under Micah's ministry, and then joined the Elkdale Baptist Church and became a regular attendee at the worship services where he then loved to hear God's Word powerfully proclaimed.

The word of this day and every day is GRACE!! God has shown him and us so much grace through Christ Jesus that our hearts are so full of praise for Him that we hardly can contain the admiration and love that we have for our GREAT GOD!!

Please join us in praising Him for all He has done, is still doing, and will do for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Thank you again for remembering our family in your prayers. We would especially thank you for remembering our mother, who will be 88 years old next month, Lord willing. She is a delight, and a faithful witness.

We want to thank Earl's sister, Angie Perry, and her husband, John, for being the principal ones in our family to have shown amazing and sacrificial love and kindness to Randy during this time, and to Earl's mother, for many years. They are a fine testimony to what real Christianity is all about.

If you would like to send a note to Earl's mother or his sister, Angie, it is as follows:

Mrs. Grady E. Adams or Mrs. Angie Perry  
104 Grandview Circle  
Valley Grande, AL. 36703

Or you can call them at: (334) 874-9132

Earl returned here to Bolivia yesterday afternoon, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and we thank the Lord for watching over him and for taking care of Rosie and Carla while he was away.

We thank you again for your love, prayers, support, and friendship in Christ Jesus.

Your thankful friends in Christ,

Earl, Rosie and Carla

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