

Polly's Progress.....March 2020

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to finish His work.” John 4:34

I said something like that to a missionary family in my home last weekend. They are involved in training pastors and church leaders in the Middle East. I mentioned that I was downsizing my library and they were delighted to help me out. After filling a shopping bag with books, we ran out of time. They came back the next morning and filled another shopping bag. We also went over a number of things I have written that they might be able to use. They kept apologizing for taking so much of my time. Yes, it took time, but as I told them, this is my eat and drink, what I love doing almost more than anything else. I was delighted to see things being cleared out of my house and even more thrilled to know my books were going to pastors in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. Pray about continuing contacts in this ministry.

Several people have asked for study materials I have done. It is hard for me to sit at the computer, edit and send things out. It seems there is always something else to do. Last year it was redoing the basement wall and helping two families move out on their own. Then there was spring, summer, fall and all the yard work ... especially intense this last year because I housed the neighborhood block party in September. In January and February I had the floors replaced in the back half of the house. The kitchen was fairly easy. I had cleaned and painted it over a year ago. But the other end was a big challenge. *Everything* had to be moved out of my office, sitting area, kitchenette, and bedroom. We moved, sorted and painted for days. It looked so clean and nice I determined not to allow clutter to accumulate again. So I am still sleeping in a guest room at the other end of the house as I sort, fix, clean, toss, and put things away in an orderly fashion. Pray that the Lord will keep me diligent as I go through clothes, books, papers and other “stuff” - especially letters and teaching materials.

Between my two floor installations I combined our Adult Bible Fellowship with a 75 year birthday dinner. Close to forty people attended...and all had places to sit and eat!

Two young Spanish speaking men installed my carpets. They were believers from El Salvador who are starting a little church in the Akron area. One told me he was discipling about a dozen young men. I gave him some Spanish materials I had as well as a number of things in English. (More books going off the shelves for a good cause. Yeah!) Pray about continuing contacts with them. Pray for the Lord's guiding and enabling in literature distribution.

My “new baby” of last fall is being disciplined by someone else in the church, along with her friend, who has also come to know the Lord. Their kids attend youth group, while two leaders teach the women. Pray for the salvation of their husbands and children. I have another “new baby” who sings in the Catholic choir with the neighbors who often come to church functions with me. I mentioned in my last letter about her asking for a Bible study. We started with about six women in January. One Saturday we spent all afternoon talking about the differences between St. Barnabas and Northfield Baptist. A few weeks later she accepted Christ as her personal savior. She reads a lot and comes to my house often with questions. She is a delight to work with. The Bible study is a blessing to all of us. Another neighbor plans to join.

Pray for these women, our neighborhood outreach, the kids I teach and the older women I visit regularly. It's a joy to share God's Word.

Other than lots of therapy sessions for the dystonia and arthritis conditions, I am in good health, active, busy and content with opportunities to continue doing the work God places in my hands.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts,

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