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Dear Family and Friends -

It seems the days pass more quickly as we grow older. Paul turned eighty October 28. I'll be seventy-eight January 10. I don't feel seventy-seven. Well, mentally I don't feel that old, but my body is another story. My knees are bone-on-bone and arthritic. And I have two bulging discs in my back. I walk bent over like an old lady, but PTL I can walk!

Physically and mentally Paul has really slowed down. His increasing confusion, especially in the middle of the night, compelled me to get medical help in March. A MRI and a three hour evaluation with a neuropsychologist revealed he has moderate dementia. But thank You, Father, his neurologist has prescribed a medication that is really helping.

Although the years have brought changes in what we're physically able to do, our God has not changed. I'm grateful He is enabling me to continue in full-time ministry from my recliner and for my team of twelve wise friends who encouraged me to combine the Colorado and Greater Philly Christian Writers Conferences into one virtual Write His Answer Conference in May. Our tech crew did an amazing job monitoring over 20 laptops in our virtual studio. Over 3.5 days our faculty of 60 editors, authors, agents, and other professionals presented over 100 hours of video teaching all LIVE in addition to critique groups, small group break-outs, and round tables. No pre-records! I'm so glad we went virtual especially since I ended up with covid and gave it to five people in our virtual studio as well as to Paul. We were exhausted for a month but not seriously ill.

I'm continuing to Zoom with two critique groups that meet every other week, a monthly Hour of Encouragement, and a bi-weekly Write His Answer Fellowship. It's great to be able to connect with writers around the country. If you're not on my email list to receive updates of when we're meeting and information about the August 9-12, 2023, Write His Answer Conference, go to my website above. Yes, after much prayer, my team and I have decided to again go virtual next year. Given the economy, an in-person conference feels too risky financially, plus physically I don't think I could handle it. I had planned to direct the Colorado conference virtually, but my team said, "No way! You need to be there." Hopefully we'll be back at the YMCA of the Rockies in 2024.



More than ever I believe Christians need to "Write His Answer" so I'm *not* retiring. Our world desperately needs the peace and hope only Jesus offers.

Rejoicing that He came and is coming again!

- Marlene and Paul