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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." (Romans 8:28)

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1Thessalonians 5:18).

The MRI report states **"degenerative disc disease and hyper arthropathy with significant canal stenosis L2-L3, L3-L4, L4-L5. Left paracentral disc herniation at L2-L3 and L4-L5 with sequestered disc fragment."**

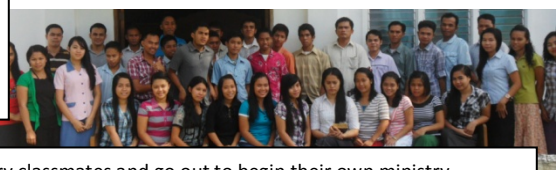
Translated into plain language: Dave has tremendous pain in his lower back and needs surgery. The operation involves some plates, spacers, screws and takes 6-8 hours with 6 to 9 months recuperation before I'm back to top speed--Lord willing. Living with this for over a year, with epidurals, pain meds, etc., wears a person down. I am in line for surgery in Spokane WA at Northwest Orthopedic. An exact date is not set but we should know within a week.

I have quoted the verses above hundreds of times as a pastor and missionary to folks in sickness, pain, and sorrow. We all know it is very easy to quote scripture to others but when we must apply it to our own case, it is sometimes very difficult. Old age wears on all of us. **I mention this to request your prayers for me that I will be a good witness of our Lord Jesus Christ in all that will come.** This past year has been the most difficult physical test I have faced in my life. Sue and I went into China November-January 10 with plans to cover the China work and then go on to the Philippines. The pain became so severe, the trip into the Philippines had to be cancelled.

Thank God we have tremendous national partners who will carry on with evangelization, training and starting churches while I get this done. We will be in touch by email, Skype, and phones so that none of the work will suffer or slow.



It begins with EOTEM preaching the gospel in jungle villages. Those saved and want to preach and teach, come to one of two 4 year resident Bible schools, (Open Bible College in Panay or Mindanao)



After 4 yrs of study and graduation, many marry classmates and go out to begin their own ministry.



Following this method, EOTEM has trained over 300 pastors, missionaries, and teachers since 1993. By the grace and mercy of our Savior, as of January 2016, thousands of souls have been saved and over 200 Bible believing churches have been started in remote areas of the Philippines.



--Dave and Sue Reese

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