

## **Rob and Beth Worthington**

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Pastors and Friends,

The past couple of months have been extremely busy and difficult months for our family. We had traveled to three different missions conferences and two other churches.

During the second conference, I received a call from my mother letting me know that something was wrong with dad. He was taken to a hospital in Allentown, PA and was diagnosed with an aneurysm in his brain. We were only 30 miles from my folks home, so I was able to spend time with them at the hospital before going on to Northland Baptist Bible College for the conference there several days later.

As some of you may know, during the Northland Baptist Bible College missions conference, my wife received a call from her mother letting her know that her brother had passed away. I immediately flew Beth from Green Bay, WI to Casper, WY. My son, Bobby, and I drove the 18 hour trip through the night and arrived the next morning. Praise the Lord we were already half way there! The first couple of days were very difficult for many reasons that I cannot explain right now. We arrived on Thursday and I contacted Calvary Baptist Church to ask about their services on Sunday. I announced that my family was going to attend and encouraged others to go with us. Beth's mom and dad hadn't been in church in years. Beth's mom came with us. I invited the pastor to the viewing on the following day. He came and spent about 15 minutes with Larry, my father-in-law. My in-laws were very appreciative. Two Sundays later, my in-laws attended the services on their own. They were greeted by the usher at the door and when he asked their names, he immediately apologized for the loss of their son and told them that the church had been praying for them. That shocked them. After the service the pastor greeted Larry with a hug and a promise to take him out for breakfast sometime. All-in-all, the Lord was in this. Bryan, Beth's brother, was only 30 years old.

Thank you all for your prayers during these times of difficulty.

Please continue to pray for a pastor to be called to Faith Baptist Church in Roxbury, NY. It is a needy, little church, in a small mountain community. Size does not matter, these people need a qualified pastor.

We are in the process now of looking for housing in the Tannersville, PA area. A move in that direction places us only an hour from my folks. I think that gives my mother some comfort. It also places us an hour from NYC and our first target area. Please pray as we make this transition in our ministry.

Serving Him,

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