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Dear Pastor Ed and Friends at Palermo Christian Church,

Barbara and I trust this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer weather. We were hoping to travel out East to visit family since they are eighty years of age or older. It would give us a break from our home Bible studies, Elder board meetings and other church related responsibilities. All those activities came to an unexpected halt this spring. For several weeks I, Chuck, was having discomfort in my chest. Upon having a stress test on the treadmill, the problem was quickly diagnosed. I had a serious heart problem and the cardiologist told me to immediately check myself into the hospital that same day. Three days later. May 17, open heart triple bypass surgery was performed. After the operation, I began to learn by way of pictures taken by our granddaughter and comments by others how delicate the operation was.

News of my surgery went viral and people from the States and Peru were praying for my recovery. How do I know God answered their prayers? This is how. First: I came through the surgery and had no pain while most suffer pain. Second: My hospital stay during those fifteen days gave me many opportunities to share the gospel message and the power of prayer. Third: May 29 I left the hospital. Fourth: Our kids, spouse's, grandkids and friends surrounded us with their love and prayers. Children from our church Sunday School class made cards and said they would pray. Fifth: The Lord sustained my wife and gave her strength during those days of my recuperation. Sixth: Our neighbors volunteered to mow our lawn while I recuperate. Seventh: Our two granddaughters graduated from high school. Unfortunately I was unable to attend. Eighth: On the day of my surgery, May 17, our first granddaughter, Rebecca Cousens Spicer gave birth to a baby boy. That made us great grandparents for the very first time. Ninth: Then there are you folks that have demonstrated your love, prayers and your giving during many years for which we are so grateful to the Lord.

My experience has taught me many lessons for which I hope to use to bless others. May the Lord watch over you and use you for His honor and glory.

Love in Christ,

Chuck and Barb Cousens