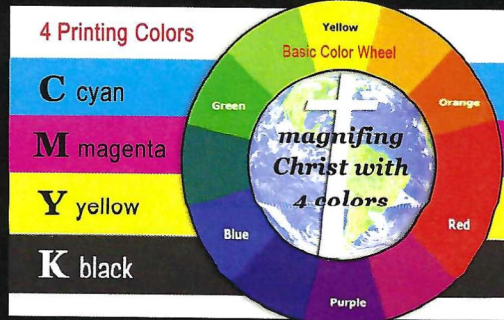
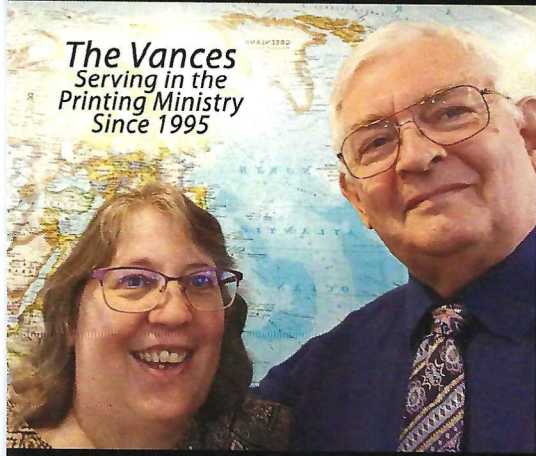
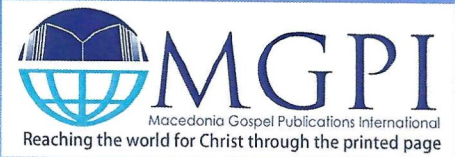


The Vances
Serving in the
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Since 1995

Richard & Sylvia Vance Printing Ministry



To our supporting churches and praying friends,

This is Sylvia Vance writing to you. After 29 years with Macedonia, this is the first prayer letter I've written. For 29 years, Richard has faithfully done what God has called us to do, printing Gospel literature so people all over the world can hear about Jesus and His wonderful gift of salvation. But for the last five weeks, he's been in the hospital fighting for his life.

I brought Rich to the ER on May 24 with a high fever and dizziness. He was diagnosed with sepsis --MRSA-- infection in his blood, but the doctors were puzzled as to the origin of his infection. On June 3, it was discovered he had 10 abscesses in his right foot and he was also diagnosed with charcot (a bone degenerative disease). On June 4, he had surgery to drain the abscesses. Rich has had neuropathy in his feet for several years and, therefore, didn't know he was walking around with broken bones in his feet. He was discharged on June 10 but readmitted on June 17 because of a high fever again. On June 19, another surgery was done on his foot which included three biopsies of his bones. All three came back positive for osteomyelitis (infection in his bone). Because of this, he had to have his leg amputated below the knee in a two-part surgery. First, to remove his foot above the ankle on June 22. Then surgery to amputate below his knee on June 26. This two-part surgery was done to help get the infection that had been raging in Rich's body time to drain out before closing his wound and making a stump.

Today is July 2, and we are still in the hospital waiting on placement in a rehab. Hopefully, we will know the location in the next day or two, and he will move there soon. At this time, Rich's pain is well managed, and he is learning to move around using a walker.

I was asked to write this letter to express the immediate need we have. Our home is not set up for a wheelchair. On June 30, several men from our home church, Faith Baptist of Jefferson, GA came to our house to see what was needed to make it wheelchair accessible. Currently, we have 18 steps to get to our bedroom and bathroom. Our Pastor, Stephen Burrell, and our sending church, Faith Baptist in Jefferson, GA are coordinating an effort to raise funds to make accommodations in our home for Rich to use the wheelchair. If you feel led to help us with this, please visit our home church website at Give | Faith Baptist Church (faithbaptistga.org) and follow the prompts to give to Richard Vance Needs. If you have any questions, our pastor can be reached at 717.825.8874. Donations can also be mailed to Faith Baptist Church at P.O. Box 427, Jefferson, GA 30549. Please make the check payable to Faith Baptist Church and designate for Richard Vance Needs in the memo line.

In February 2025, we will celebrate 30 years of service with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. Rich is not ready to quit. He is anxious to return to the print shop and continue doing what God laid on his heart in 1995. We love serving the Lord, but we need a place to live that will allow Rich to be independent. I know all things are possible with God. I know He knows the plans and the outcome. I know there are many, many people praying for Rich and his recovery. I just don't know the timeline on when things will happen, but I fully trust my God. We are both blessed by this new path we have been put on. We are very limited by money, really. It's an obstacle everyone faces. We thank you all for all your prayers. We thank you in advance for any money you can give. We thank those who will give their time to help with the renovations.

All because of Jesus,

Richard & Sylvia Vance

P.S. Hopefully, this will be my one and only prayer letter to write!

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