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Dear family and friends -

In the midst of the challenges 2020 have brought to all of us, I trust you are safe. Because Paul and I are high risk for covid,

our doctor daughter has had us on lockdown since February. It's been hard not to hug our grandkids, but at least we've been able to see them outdoors behind masks.

Christmas won't be the same this year. We'll eat Christmas dinner in our daughter's garage while they eat indoors. Then, six feet apart, masked, and with the windows open they will join us to open gifts in the garage. It will be sad not to see our other children and their spouses.

We're taking extra precautions because Paul was diagnosed with prostate cancer this fall. Thank the Lord it was caught early because our new primary care doctor did a PSA test. (The doctor Paul had been seeing for five years never tested his PSA.) Paul had his first hormone shot yesterday. It will stop the cancer from spreading for four months. Hopefully he will be able to begin radiation in February. With the pandemic out-of-control right now it is just too risky to go for treatment five days a week for 7-8 weeks. We'd appreciate your prayers.

Because of the coronavirus I had to cancel both the Colorado and Greater Philly Christian Writers Conference. It would have been the 24th Colorado conference, the 37th Philly conference. I have so missed being with my writing family, but I'm grateful for Zoom that has made it possible for me to meet online every other week with my two critique groups and monthly with the team that works with me to make the conferences happen.

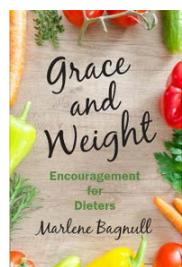
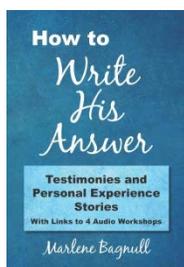
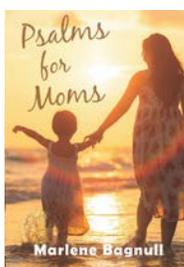
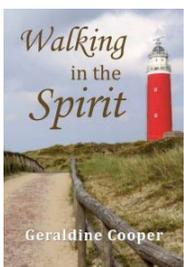
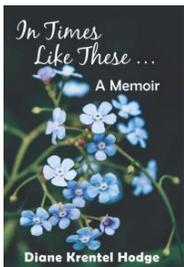
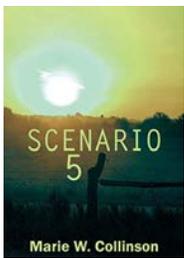
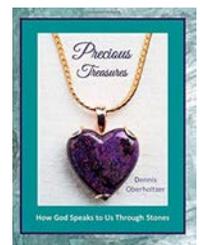
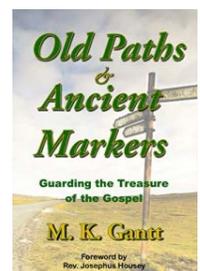
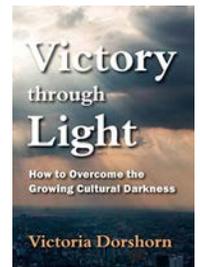
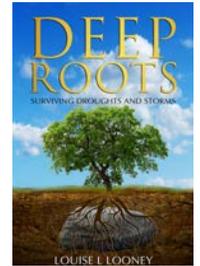
The work of ministry has and will continue. If the pandemic makes it unsafe for us to meet in person in 2021, we will go virtual. Meanwhile, with no conference deadlines pressing in on me I've been able to edit a number of books, publish three authors through Ampelos Press, and even get back to my own writing with three new books. All are available on Amazon.

The "new normal" and all the turmoil in our nation continues to be challenging but Immanuel, our God is with us.

*His life is the light that shines through the darkness—  
 and the darkness can never extinguish it.*  
 John 1:5 TLB

May His presence light the path before you and fill you with peace this Christmas and throughout the coming year. Because He came and is coming again -

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2020 Books

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