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Dear Fellow Missionaries, Pastors & Friends:

I am considering this prayer letter to be in honor and in memory of my dear friend and fellow missionary to Japan, Bill Neel. Bill went to be with the Lord on August 29, 2017 in Tajimi, Japan. His funeral service was held in Japan, but a memorial service was held in his sending church, Central Baptist Church in Lewisville, Texas on Nov. 4th. A member of Grandview Baptist Church here in Springfield Steve Knight, offered to drive me there. His picture is the one in the lower right. Bill and Barbara were missionaries for over 50 years. He was a church planter. I had the privilege of working with him in Japan. He was an extremely faithful and dedicated missionary. His wife is presently in a nursing home in Japan. Please pray for her.

Pictures are as follows:

- 1. Memorial Service program cover
- 2. Barbara & Bill Neel
- 3. Central Baptist Church sign
- Asst. Pastor Gene Ridinger, Pastor Mark Butcher, Bill Hathaway
- 5. Pastor Mark Butcher
- 6. Asst. Pastor Gene Ridinger
- 7. Bill Hathaway
- 8. Steve Knight
- 9. Pastor's wife, Tammy Butcher-She sang "Amazing Grace" during the Memorial.
- 10. Asst. Pastor's wife, Sherry Ridinger– she sang "I Will Go" during the Memorial.

Missionary Bill Neel was my friend. It is hard to realize he is gone, but I know I'll see him in heaven. I am glad I was able to attend his Memorial Service. Please pray for our Japanese ministry here in Springfield.

Your Missionaries to the Japanese people

