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Dear Friends,

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

This prayer letter is our first in a while. There have been many changes among our family here at Paris Reidhead Bible Teaching Ministries, including the loss of two Board members.

We are sad for our sense of great loss but filled with deep joy for the promise of heaven realized by two beloved members of the Board of Paris Reidhead Bible Teaching Ministry. With this letter we announce to you, the faithful supporters of BTMI, the "transition" according to the Godly hospice attendants, of Marjorie N. Reidhead, widow of Paris W. Reidhead, and Rick Collins, Vice President of BTMI.

After a rapid decline in health, Rick Collins, surrounded by family, passed from this world on November 15, 2017. We never imagined that Rick would enter eternity before the elderly woman for whom he had cared so faithfully. We recognize that sometimes God's timing is different than ours, but still we strive to embrace the wisdom of Solomon expressed in Ecclesiastes that "to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven."

On January 17, 2018 one month before her 96th birthday, my mother Marjorie Reidhead peacefully died, leaving her failing body to be present with Jesus and reunited with the saints, including my father, Paris W. Reidhead. For the years since retiring from teaching English as a Second Language, Mom's greatest joy and deepest commitment was to distribute Paris's sermons and teaching materials through the ministry of PRBTMI.

As Mom was losing the ability to meet the physical demands of duplicating, packaging, and mailing Bible teaching materials worldwide, by God's grace Rick and Wanda Collins became the hands and in many ways the brains and hearts of PRBTMI. They put in countless hours duplicating and distributing Bible teaching materials, and enabled PRBTMI to make the crucial transition to digital delivery (a medium which totally befuddled my mother, who took some years to master her microwave.)

Because of Rick Collins's dedication and technical skill, numerous sermons were restored and made available across the globe. From listening multiple times to sermons that spanned decades of ministry, Rick Collins surely knew the preaching voice of Paris Reidhead better than anyone on earth. Now they have met for the first time in heaven. I remember Dad's prophetic words on the day he died in March of 1992: "though he slumbers yet shall he speak." I see now that in so many ways it was Rick's dedication that brought that word to fruit.

We have good news. Wanda Collins, who has served as Secretary/Treasurer, is committed to carrying on the vision of PRBTMI as long as she is able. Currently the ministry remains in Maryland, but that may change as Wanda discerns where God is leading her.

The website is updated... Recently, we have added two new links along the navigation bar. One of the links will take you to a friend of PRBTMI, Mr. Michael McPherson's and his website. We were excited to learn that he has set up Bible teaching programs using Pastor Reidhead's sermons. The second new link along the navigation bar will take you to the new blog postings. Finally, my sister, Julia Reidhead, who is in the publishing business, has encouraged PRBTMI to increase availability and reduce inventory issues by making Paris Reidhead's books available through a print-on-demand program, such as the one where *The Paris Reidhead Reader* now lives (www.amazon.com/Paris-Reidhead-Reader-Classic-Sermons/dp/1500605786). Recently, we have also added *Finding the Reality of God* to the online list of books. Look for it on Amazon.com.

The other change to the website is the release of more sermons under the *Ministry Materials* tab, both audio and written. The sermons are listed by name, by Scripture, and by date. The audio and written sermons can be downloaded, but we ask that no part of any sermon is changed as they are all copyrighted by PRBTMI.

I am currently serving as a pastor of a local church near Columbus, Ohio, and am also Director of an historic mission conference (nwmcmission.org) while completing a Doctorate of Ministry. So my participation in the ongoing work of PRBTMI is limited.

Your prayers and support have sustained us personally and allowed the Paris Reidhead Bible Teaching Ministry to impact more people than we can know.

I close with the benediction words from Paul's prayer for the Ephesian believers: Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine according to his power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.

In Christ,

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