

JOSEPH F. SMITH'S BRAZIL TESTIMONY

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Eu venho até você em nome de Jesus Cristo. That's Portuguese. They taught me that and sent that message to you. That's all the Portuguese I know. I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

In order that you might understand what all of this is about, I want to read to you the first invitation that I got from the people in Brazil, to come and visit them.

Brother Bob had invited me a couple of times to go to different countries and I said no I'm not getting out of this country, I want to stay here in America where I can put my feet on the ground and I know where I'm at and I can do what I can do. Another Minister suggested going to the South Sea Islands and boy I would love to go there, but I said no, I'm going to stay in America. But this message was different and when I read it I said I'll go. We used to sing a song, "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord I'll do what you want me to do". Don't sing it unless you really mean it. If you stand up and say "here am I, send me", you had better mean it, because He will.

"I have a lot to say, Mr. Smith, but as I do not know how to speak and write in English I fear that the Google translator will transcribe a phrase otherwise causing confusion that can be read by you. So, I'll briefly summarize the facts so that you can keep track of what happened to us and what we want with you. I do not understand all of your scriptures or your doctrines but I will use the Bible and the text of your scriptures as it appears at the site of www.Centerplace.org.

*It all started April 6th, 2007. It was the eve of Easter. I had climbed a hill alone to pray to God in the desire to get some answers to my questions. During the trip I was lost in the woods close until sunset, and night came, and the darkness of the trees were larger than in a closed room and without a flashlight I could not move from that place. Fear at that time took over my senses making me feel like a dark force was overwhelming me. When a light appeared through the trees, pushing away the fear that surrounded me, soon a character involved in that light called me by name and said, "do not be afraid". He identified himself as an angel of God with the name of Raphael. Which years later I could see him in one of the writings that he had visited Joseph Smith Jr. (Doctrine and Covenants 110:21b and that's probably the LDS Doctrine and Covenants because that's all they have that is written in Portuguese) **On this occasion the angel Raphael made with his hands lights to illuminate the whole forest so that could reach the top of the hill, where I received the visitation of another Celestial being, which I will not report here at this email and leave it for another occasion.** (I will tell you who that being - later on I learned who that being was, it's Moroni, because at this beginning of this time*

Moroni began to work with these people.) *The being who is waiting for me at the top of the mountain then prescribed more than once the text of Isaiah 1: 2 through 9 so that it was etched in my memory. He told me that he appeared to me because of my great faith and restlessness. And that my prayer had touched the feelings of Him who rules the whole universe. But He required me to return to that same place no longer alone but accompanied by three other men who would approach me for Bible study and that we should go back there once every year until 10 years had passed. And so, we did, until we came to understand what God expects us to do. Your contact was revealed to us in this last time, which was January 21st of this year 2017. We were told on this occasion that we went up the hill, that the Lord was moving His hand to restore Zion to its place determined by Him in a place chosen to be the New Jerusalem in Missouri. He said that the Churches that bear His name had strayed from their Covenant making the arm of the flesh their strength. He showed us that the remnant quoted by Him to me the first time, in the Words of Isaiah 1:9 referred to the Branches of the Restoration. However, He affirmed that even among the branches of the restoration there were certain divergency of opinion. (that's quite a statement) And that they are not all together ones of heart and mind. Therefore, the Lord looks with appreciation to you Mr. Smith and to your congregation for he has seen your labor and the intent of your heart. (Some of you who don't know me too well I've worked for 21 years to bring the Saints together, I started with the Waldo sermon 21 years ago, wherein the Lord told them that they had a window of opportunity to step through, to lay aside their differences, find common ground and begin to build up the Kingdom of God. And for the most part it went in one ear and out the other. And this is what He is referring to) But there is no way to get your people back together in one flock in your country for there is much strife and repugnant among the Latter-Day Saints in regard to the other churches, which in one have been invited into many. But God will do it from Brazil, until it fills all Latin America, Central, and finally to arrive again in the lands of the north for the people of the Covenant is counted as being a great multitude, Revelation 7th chapter 9th verse. In relation to what the Lord requires of us with you is that a congregation directed by you here in Brazil be established and be in communion with the other branches of the restoration because the holy spirit will operate in our midst, entering in and preaching in many chapels of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for there are many people in that denomination that the Lord intends to receive for Himself as he did in the past when the Nephites preached to the Lamanites. Our work, therefore is similar to that of Alma who preached among the wicked people of King Noah converting his members to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the lord allowed the powers of Darkness to take over the regency of the greatest Church of the Saints of today, but He intends to seek His own sheep from this flock so that the prophecy of Isaiah 60:22 will come. What we initially desire is the baptism of your hand, or an authority of someone sent to us from you for this purpose and obtain the gift of the Holy Ghost in order to fulfill our ministry fully as promised to us by the Heavenly Being. We are willing to separate our tithe from now on to achieve this goal which is not ours only but of our Lord Jesus Christ we were told that you would be our leader as long as you live amen."*

You'll have to excuse my voice I've been fighting for two weeks to get to this place and I've met many opposition's. One of the reasons why they requested me was because the angel told them that the Lord had preserved a portion of the priesthood from Joseph the Prophet through Joseph the third and through Alexander Hale Smith and through my father Arthur Smith to me in this with the priesthood that they say that the angel told him that was more pure I'll put it that way.

When I first read this, I said yes, I'll go no question I can I could not say no I don't want to go to that country. I'll go but I felt I felt so unworthy and I fussed within myself time -- time and again...why would the Lord pick me? When there is men out here who are better educated than I, who are more capable than I, who are younger than I and who could go to this country and do this work. And this bothered me, all summer long. I have worked for three years with a little group up in Maryville Michigan. I've been there four times and they want me back as soon as I can go. I told them I won't go back as long as there is snow in that country. Last summer I went and preached my sermon and when I got through preaching my sermon I sat down, and they sang the closing song. I touched the man in charge and I said I've got something more to give. I felt all of a sudden, I needed to read this to them, so I read it to him and I sit down and they had the closing prayer. One of the ladies got up and went over to the Pastor and said we need to have prayer for Joseph. So, he selected 3 elders who came up placed their hands on my head and the first two gave very beautiful prayers but the third one halfway through his prayer he said Brother Joseph you need to quit fretting and worrying about not being worthy God has called you to a job step up to your work and do it. I was grateful for that because that gives me a little more courage. Also, the angel had told the man in charge, Mauricio, he told him that my grandfather have resurrected the dead child Alexander Hale Smith. I said wow! He had to have learned that from the angel, because not many people know that story. My father told me that story as I was a young lad. There was a serious malady going around the community where they lived, and his little sister had come down with the sickness and they called the doctor and by the time the doctor got there he said she's dead, her heart is quit she's not breathing. The mother grabbed the child up and said I won't give her up, I won't give her up and they tried to take the child from her they said she is she's passed she's dead she's gone and the lady that my grandmother said no I won't give her up and a little later dad said it was sometime that she walked the floor and praying and little later Alexander Hale Smith and Joseph the third walked in and anointed her head with oil and she came back to life. I know that the angel had to tell him that because there's no way they would know that down there in Portugal, I mean Brazil.

So, we come to the time that brother Bob Moore, I asked brother Bob Moore to go with me because I'm not a world traveler and he is. And so, we made our arrangements but we failed to get our visas in time we had to postpone for a couple of months so we could get our visas right. We finally got him right, we got on the airplane in Kansas City and flew to Dallas. In Dallas I had requested that they furnished a wheelchair because I can only walk so far and then I've got to sit down. And they had a wheelchair waiting for me and they took me halfway across the state of Texas. Poor Bob had to walk. We boarded our plane and we left Texas and for 10 hours flew

south. I have a little advantage on Bob because he says he can't sleep on an airplane, but I can, boy I can snore away. So, the 10 hours wasn't too hard for me. We landed, and we had to trade at Sao Paulo in Brazil. At that point we had to transfer to a local aircraft, where we flew from Sao Paulo to Porto Alegre where the Saints were to meet us. So, we got our baggage when we landed we got our baggage and went down to the entrance of the airport and there was two young man one had my name on a card another had brother Bob's name on a card and they come running to us, tickled to death to see us. Gave us a big hug. Chattering and jabbering a mile a minute and we could not understand one word they said. Finally, I spoke to the one in a little bit of Spanish and he understood a little bit of Spanish. I said, I want to buy a hamburger here I'm hungry and he said "no, no, no, no, we go, we go". So, we took off and they took us on the way up into the mountains to a restaurant where they gave us a very beautiful meal. We arrived at the Mauricio's apartment sometime that afternoon and we met the whole group. One of the first impressions I had of the group is that they were well taught on the doctrines and the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, later on in the week as we discussed with them brother Bob turned to me and said to me, Brother Joseph, do you feel like you're back in school? Because we was learning things that they had been taught by the angel that we did not know. Now Bob has all this on his computer and if you want to know what all this stuff is you have to ask him because I didn't have a computer to write it down and I couldn't remember half of it anyway. But it was an interesting week. But that was Saturday afternoon and Saturday night and then Saturday night they told me they said "we're going to have a baptism tomorrow at 2 o'clock. So, when I got up Sunday morning and put on my white clothes, prepared and we went out to a lake and found a place where it was suitable. Some of the Brethren set up a tent so we can change clothes and we proceeded to go to the baptism. I requested before we start there we have a prayer. And I tried install in their mind every time they went into any kind of service or work of the Lord they started first with a prayer. And when the prayer was over, I waded out into the lake and I found what I thought was a suitable place, I was about waist deep in water, little over maybe, I had one foot against a rock and the other foot in a bucket of clay it felt like. Brother Bob said, "Joseph, take a step back one step" and I said if I step back one bit I'll drown. Because there was nothing behind me, I was right on the edge of a drop off. So, the first man who came out was Mauricio to be baptized. He is six foot six. When he stood up a little bit above me in front of me and I was raising my hand and repeating the words for baptism and he went they took a picture and I think my head reached maybe his waistline. But I got him down in the water and got him out okay didn't drown and he went back to the bank. And another brother stepped out Joni and I baptized him, and I looked up in here come another one and I baptized that one and here come another one and I baptized that one and her come another one, I baptized 9 people at one time. And we had told them that we would gather together that evening and I would give the gift of the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands. I also said, and some of you going to reach down and grab them rotten apples to throw at me but that's okay, because prior to this by emails Mauricio had talked to me about the sacrament and he said should I go by that tray with all the little cups and I and said, what did the Book of Mormon say? He

(Mauricio) said “one glass, one cup”. And I said is that alright with you? And he (Mauricio) said “perfect”. Then he said, “what about the emblems, what should we have”, I said again, what does the Book of Mormon say? he “Mauricio” said “it says wine”. I said fine, suits me. So, we had prepared for the sacrament bread and wine. Now you can throw your tomatoes at me if you want to. But that's what I served and that's the way it was. We set down for the laying on of hands and brother Mauricio was first. I placed my hands on his head and I spoke in English, and I know he didn't understand a word I said. And he stood up and he kind of wavered just a little bit and turn it and got a hold of me. I thought, well, he's probably wanted to thank me, I guess I didn't know but then he went on. Later on, we had a (after the sacrament was served) we had a testimonial service and (I'll jump ahead just a little bit here because I think this will be interesting to you) he said that when I laid my hands on his head he said he didn't feel anything, but he said that when he stood up there was a fire burst forth in its chest that almost made him stagger and he turned for me to support. Only anyone who has ever felt in in their life what I have experienced yesterday can understand what it is to be baptized of the baptism of fire. Well, I went ahead and confirmed the Holy Ghost on the rest but also before I went down the Lord has instructed me to baptize, oh I'm sorry, to ordain brother Mauricio and Joni to the Melchizedek priesthood. So, after the laying on of hands I ordained Mauricio to be an elder, and Joni to also. And then we served the sacrament and when we come time to serve the bread and the wine I served Mauricio, he served me and then he served the people. After wards I said now sometimes we leave this period of time for prayer or testimony, according to your desire. They begin to each and every one begin to bear their testimony and it was always, they said “there is a fire in here”. The Spirit, and I believe brother Bob will verify this, the Spirit in that room that time was so strong, it was almost overwhelming. They said they didn't know what it was. Sister Denise, she said, “all my life I've had different experiences, but this is different, there is a fire in here, in my chest that is going through my whole body, and it brings me great joy.” They all testified the same thing. Well, that was the evening, that was the thrill of the evening. I've never sat in a room with Saints with so much power of the Spirit. I did not understand their language, but I knew when they were bearing their testimonies, I knew what they were saying.

Now I'm going to skip a little bit and go to the last baptism and that was the Sunday before we left. We'll come back to the other things, but I want to cover this along with about the same time, because we done the same thing. We went out to the lake and Mauricio wanted to baptize his wife. I said well, you're an elder now, go ahead! And he went out and he baptized his wife and I'm up on the bank saying Hallelujah! Because the priesthood was going right to work they weren't hesitant at all they were stepping forward and doing the work and it just pleased me so much. Joni wanted to baptize his wife, he did. Muricio baptized his whole family. And that night I gave the laying on of hands again. And we served the sacrament again. And they had the same testimonies. And as Muricio's wife was bearing her testimony her little daughter who had also, her little eight year old daughter, had been baptized she jumped up and come up and she rattled off something in Portuguese, mean it lasted at least three or four minutes, I didn't know what it was but I knew what the Spirit was behind it.

I cannot find the words to describe these people. They love each other. They love each other in a way that we don't understand. When they come into the room they each one, they greet each one with a hug and kiss. And the way they've been working if somebody lost their job and got behind and needed some help they helped them out. They helped each other. It's just a beautiful bunch of people. One of our problems was communication. I want to touch on that too cuz there was a young girl there by the name of Sarah. She is a little angel. Maricio was told to learn English and he refused to do it. So, the daughter learned English on the television while watching English-speaking movies and reading the Portuguese script on the bottom. The only time the only problem she had in translating for us was phrases from the Bible which she did not know. Besides that, we had a large screen computer set up with the Google translator and you could write something English and it would appear over here in Portuguese, or vice versa. This was our means of communication. We found during the week that they had had a lot of trouble with the LDS Church. They had found out that there was something going on so they sent a spy. They told him to go and join the group and then report to them of what was going on. Well he didn't realize what they were asking him to do because it was supposed to be good people you know? So, there came a time when Muricio had the plates, he had the plates and the sword of Laban and he had stored them in his attic of his apartment. Now if you wonder whether he had the plates or not, he must have had them because the Utah Church was working awful hard to take them away from him. They talked to their little spy and they said "well, what's going on it what kind of meetings they having, what they doing? Has he got the plates, where they at?" And the young man said, "well yes, they've got the plates they are in Brother Maricio's attic." Brother Maricio and his family, had locked up their house and had gone to a family affair in another town. And sometime in the evening, he (Maricio) got a warning. He went back home, took the plates and the sword of Laban out of his apartment, took them outside, buried them in the ground and covered them up, carefully. And then he went back to the family affair in another town. The next day, when they come home, the whole part was turned upside down. Cushions were off of the couches; the couches were upside down. The beds were all tore up. Every drawer in the house was emptied on the floor. There was not one spot in that house that they hadn't gone through looking for the plates. I'm saying well, they must have the plates if they because, this is what Joseph went through. As soon as somebody found out he had them there was someone out there after them.

And then there was another time, that in the morning, three o'clock in the morning they were in bed asleep and the neighbor calls and says somebody's trying to break into your house. So, he called the police but before the police got there the people had fled. And he called his neighbor and said, "what scared them away?" There was a real bright light right over your apartment and shined right down on them and scared them. Moroni is protecting them.

This is getting pretty interesting to me. They said Friday night we're going to show you some evidence. As we studied during the work we learned, we learned several things that are very interesting. I'll have trouble with this. But Friday night came, and they shuffled all the women

and children up to the shopping mall, and left us with for the four brethren there and brother Bob and myself. Oh, I'm sorry I need to back up just a minute because the first Sunday night in our in our Sacrament service, as I was sitting there listening to the Portuguese testimony, the Lord brought my eyes around to one certain person and I said okay. I guess I just looked at him. Pretty soon he brought me back to that man. And then he would bring me back to him. I said, should I be ordaining him too? And if so, I need evidence. So, as the meeting closed, and the people were leaving brother Bob come into my room, he said there's one more man we need to ordain. I said, what's his name? He said Valdici. (That is the closest I can come to it, Bob) I said, thank you brother Bob because that's the evidence I asked the Lord for. So, we did ordain the Third Elder there.

But, Friday night came and I kind of had a suspicion of what they were going to bring, but I wasn't prepared for what they brought. They set us down in a room it was in fact the bedroom that I had been sleeping in, and they had a large table there. Two of them left and in a few minutes, they came back, and they had a board, about ye big, and something on the board covered with a cloth. My heart was already starting to beat, but when they pulled that cloth off I was totally welded in my chair. I could not get up I could not do nothing. The tears were running down my cheek because sitting in front of me was the Golden Plates of the Book of Mormon and the preserved portion, a portion, sealed portion. And when I could finally get my strength to get up I said can I hold them in my hands. And they picked them up and handed them to me and I, I, I almost went down to the table. They are very heavy! I know 50 to 60 pounds. The plates that my grandfather had carefully turned and translated, I turned, and I marveled, I marveled when I thought was contained here. Of the many generations of the Nephites and each generation had their historian and then they handed down these things until it come to Moroni, and he had compacted it into one. And it was in my hand, I was holding it. The plates were very smooth. I guess them about at first looked at him I said well about 5 x 8 sheets but no it's more like 6 x 6 I think. You could, I could see the hieroglyphics on them, but you couldn't feel them. This puzzled me because I thought they would be inscribed there but they are not. You can put your hand on it -- it is smooth. But you can see them, don't ask me how. Don't ask me how. The sealed portion had two straps across it. They work something like a belt, they unhooked them and opened them up. I took one of the straps and because it was metal but very flexible and I wondered what kind of metal it was. I smelled it, there was a faint odor of brass, but they weren't brass. I don't know what they were, but they were very flexible. The sealed portion, on the outside edges of the pages had two pins driven down through them that were so fixed, that you could not remove them. What I learned earlier in the week, that when Muricio had first received these plates, he was, he had been arguing with, or conversing with, one of the guys that had been up on the mountain with him two times. And the guy was saying this is all phony this is all not real and Maricio it got to the point where he was he wasn't sure, and he did he did not want to be misled. He had studied for years with the LDS church, but he would not accept their doctrines. He could not accept their doctrines. So, when they handed him the plates and the sword they gave him the interpreters. And he picked up a rock and crushed the

interpreters. I'm ...my heart almost stopped when he told that. And, he showed us the pieces of glass that was left, one piece about the size of a quarter little bigger. He said he described them he said they were a triangular form and a Groove around the outside where it would fit into the frame. I wondered why? Why would the Lord allow him to destroy that? But I was looking at the plates for the Book of Mormon and the sealed portion, and the first sheet of the sealed portion is right there you could you can see the hieroglyphics on them. And I thought maybe I don't know I just thought maybe the reason the Lord allowed him to destroy that had he had the interpreters he may have been able to translate that first sheet of the sealed portion and it wasn't time for it to be translated.

We did learn that there is a portion of the seal plates that is going to be translated and going to be published in the very near future and that it will bring peace to those whose hearts are pure and his desires are pure. Then I looked at Laban's sword. Have you ever noticed in the Book of Mormon every leader of the group, when he went to war, he used Laban's sword? I never thought too much about it, I had thought well, it must be a pretty good sword. It's only about that long. Less than 3 feet long. The blade is about three inches wide and maybe about three quarters of an inch back from the edge it starts to rise up and the back part of the blade is heavy. And the sword is heavy. And I checked the edge of the sharp edge and it's sharp. And I guarantee you if a man swings that and hits in the arm you are going to lose your arm. Because the weight of that would be tremendous. They showed us a crack right where the blade goes into the handle where it had become cracked. The blade itself had begun to deteriorate and Moroni had told them to wrap it in plastic to preserve it.

Brothers and Sisters, I kid you not, I held those plates in my hands. I held those plates in my hands and they're down there in Brazil. Somebody said, "well why in Brazil?" Well, tell me something, why here? He can't find a group of people together here that will hold together 6 months out of the year, that would be of one heart one mind. And these people down there are of one heart and one mind. They were ready for baptism when I got there, they had waited 6 months for it and longer, they had been promised it. And they're being taught by an angel of God.

There was a job given to both Bob and myself. We were to come back to this, and bear our testimony, which I have done this morning. In the 9th chapter of 3rd Nephi it says that "the Lord is going to do a marvelous work and a wonder amongst his people and a man will declare it unto you. And I've declared it unto you this day. Lord is starting to set his hand the second time and he's starting down there in Brazil, but it's coming to this country. We have to be prepared to receive it when it comes. We will have to be a pure heart we will have be worthy to be call Holy. Brother Bob's job, my job, is to bring the restoration Saints, and you'll choke on this I did, and the temple at church together. This is what we've got to do. I said you're kidding, I know the temple lot Church, you're kidding! But this is our job. They have to come together and build that Temple first. When the City, New Jerusalem, is established there will be 24 temples

built. You have 12 Apostles and 12 Nephite leaders, I guess each one of these will have a temple, I don't know, that's what I suspect it's for. But this is our job.

Our job, also, is to select six more witnesses to take down there that they can see the plates and bear their testimony. The Lord wants eight witnesses just like in the Book of Mormon times.

We were so well treated it was unbelievable. They eat different than we do, down there. For breakfast we had mangos, and these are ripe mangos, and papayas and a toasted sandwich of their make. For the dinner days, these people are descendants of Italian and German immigrants. I never ate so much rice in my life. But what they put on that rice, let me tell you, it was really good. They can cook chicken and beef better than a lot of people. Really good eating. I probably gained some weight. If I did I probably lost it all in Paducah, Kentucky and Springfield, Missouri through my nose. On the way back both Bob and I acquired a virus. It really took hold of me, it worked on me. But in any event, I'm here. And I brought this testimony to you, this day.

This is what the Lord plans to do. I remember the in the fourth chapter of first chapter of Micah, excuse me, where it mentions the House of the God of Jacob would be established in the top of the mountains, and many people say come let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, the we may learn of His ways, and walk in His paths. This is what the Lord is attempting to do now. He invited the 1830 Saints to do it. He invited them to locate the land of Zion and build a house of the Lord there. But they would not obey His commandments. They would not follow exactly His word. And with the lord it's a straight line if he says it's green, it's green, it's not partially green, it's not chartreuse or some other color. If it's black it's black. There is no deviation from the word.

Remember back the two priest in the Old Testament time who didn't have the right wood for their sensors and they just used any wood. The Lord killed them. Remember the time when the Ark of the Covenant was being brought back to Jerusalem and they had it on the back of a mule and it went through this one man's place and it started to fall and he stuck his hand up there to stop it? The Lord killed him because the command was no hand will touch that ark. They carried it with a rod they went through rings and that's the way they carried it. The word of the Lord means what it says.

Oliver Cowdery wrote to Joseph Smith and he said, "you got to change the words of this Revelation, it doesn't fit the culture in which we live". Joseph wrote back and said, "we didn't consider the orthography". Now that will make you think, won't it? Where did that young man get that word? I had to go to the dictionary to find out what it meant. It means the usage of a word. "We did not consider the orthography of the word but that it was the word of God and you do not change it."

So, we received what brother Bob terms and I agree, with the first invitation, so to speak. But we had excuses. What we have in Brazil is the second invitation. The Lord is setting his hand

the second time to prepare place to gather His people. Do you remember the 14th chapter of John first and second verse? He said, “you believe in God believe also in me”. He said, “I go to prepare a place for you that where I am you may be also”. This is what he's doing he's preparing a place for his Saints and he's working with those who will work with him according to his ways. So, what lies before us we must become holy. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind and soul and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. This is the Celestial law of God. We like to keep one foot in the kingdom of God and put the other one over there in Babylon. I tell you this the stretch between the two is going to be too much for you to reach, pretty soon. You're going to have to move one foot or the other and the choice of what foot you will move is up to you. And there is a great work coming and it's on the horizon.

I have witnessed the beginning of it. I have enjoyed a blessing which is way and beyond anything I could be worthy of. To go down there and baptize these people, to lay my hands on their head and give them the gift that they longed for that they wanted and to give it in such a way that the fire in their chest, was beyond anything that they had seen. This was a great privilege for me, a great opportunity, and I'm grateful that the Lord allowed me to do these things. I'm grateful for those of you who have given me your support both by prayer, money and opportunities. Those of you who have prayed for my health and prayed for my safe return I'm grateful for it. I can tell you one thing brother Bob told me while ago, at the Monday night they had a special prayer for me in Brazil. Well it's a good thing because it finally a Monday evening I had convinced that hospital that I had not had a heart attack and I was not going to have a heart operation they finally come to that conclusion, at that time. So, it's been quite an experience. I praise God. I praise God because I love the work of God. I love the work of His hands. And to take and hold a part of it in my hands... oh my goodness, what a blessing.

I remember a poem, I think I've got that poem. Yep, here it is. I'd like to read it to you. it says:

I want to let go, but I won't let go. There are battles to fight by day and by night for God and what's right I'll never let go. I want to let go, but I won't let go. I'm sick tis true worried and blue worn through and through, but I will not let go. I want to let go, but I won't let go. What? lying down in the field surrender my shield cowardly yield? NO! I will not let go. I want to let go, but I won't let go. May this be my song against Legions of wrong, oh God keep me strong that I may never let go.

Thank you and God bless.