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Clark and Ann... building bridges!



15. April 2026

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you with a numb, pain-filled heart.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2026, Clark died and joined the great cloud of witnesses who are all watching us from heaven. Clark and I were married for 60 years, and I am grateful for the gift of life we shared.

Clark always said that **miracles** are when God shows up outside of the laws of physics but that **providence** is when God shows up within them. Even in the midst of my sadness, I am in awe of how God showed up for Clark and me and our family in this time.

Some of the things God did:

1. As you know, Clark had been feeling worse over the last few weeks. On Good Friday we took him to the hospital and learned that his cancer had become aggressive. The doctor said that he only had a few months to live. We had hoped for years. He refused to stay in the hospital that weekend because he wanted to spend Easter at home together with our family. I didn't know how much I would cherish being reminded of the resurrection this last week.
2. Clark wasn't afraid of death. But, he really didn't want to suffer. On Tuesday, Clark and I went back to the hospital. There, someone told us that when we walked in together, we seemed to radiate peace and light. I will hold onto that as a reflection of God's gift of love and peace to us. On Wednesday morning, God called him home so quickly that it surprised everyone, even his oncologist.
3. Clark has been preparing me for a long time to step into his shoes as the director of Philosophia International, in order to continue the work. A few weeks ago, Clark finished writing his vision and wishes for how to do this. He had also decided to ask the board to install me as director while he was alive so that he could support me in a hands-on way while he was still here. I definitely did not expect him to die so suddenly. I am grateful for the roadmap he gave me as I carry on the vision God gave us!
4. On August 15th this year, Clark and I were planning to travel to Germany to celebrate 20 years of ministry in Haus Nazareth. I am still looking forward to going and celebrating Clark's life with the PE Board, students, alumni, pastors, and friends. Germany was our home for 50 years, and Haus Nazareth stands as a beautiful expression of those years. It was built over two decades with dear friends and your faithful prayers and support.

Our daughters, Seanne and Charissa and their families are here with me in Boise right now so that we're able to cry and laugh together and then cry some more. Next week we are going to have a private family burial, and then in a few months, we will have a memorial service. I will keep you posted on the details.

The verse Clark wanted on his headstone bench is **1. Corinthians 15:57 (paraphrased): The grave cannot hold us. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our souls leave our earthly bodies and join with the Creator God of the universe.**

Would you please pray that I will be comforted and that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry on His work with grace?

If you would like, instead of flowers, I think Clark would rather have you support one of the organizations about which he deeply cared:

- **Calvary Chapel Boise:** Our church here in Boise
- **Cityview Church** in Chicago: The church we attended while in seminary that has faithfully supported us for many years
- **The Center for International Experiential Learning (CIEL):** Our son-in-law's program that takes student leaders into communities recovering from conflict to learn how healing happens
- By check to **Philosophia International:** Our ministry will continue on the path Clark laid out, which I will share more about in the future.

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Seanne is also collecting stories about Clark and our ministry for the August celebration in Germany instead of flowers. If you have a story, would you please email it to info@seanne.com?

It has been a great privilege to walk the road of faith with you and I look forward to continuing this walk in the future.

♥ In the Master,
Ann (and Clark watching us from Heaven)

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