

A Blessed and Glorious Celebration of the...



12th Anniversary
2008-2020

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL

Thy word
is a lamp
unto
my feet,
and a light
unto
my path



The powerful and almighty Word of the Lord, in the Holy Bible, will daily lead and guide you throughout your life. Seek God's Word. Follow Him! Don't do things your way!

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)*

Thank You...

Faithful Readers and Loyal Supporters

for reading

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL

Thank You for...

The 12 Years of Your Heartfelt Comments

and

Your Genuine Feedback.

You are sincerely appreciated.

May God Bless You!

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## The Foundation of the Lamp Newsletter

By Wanda J. Burnside

In 2008, I was taking care of my dear father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr. He was 82 years old at that time. He was living here with Simmie and me. I truly had my hands full taking care of two very dear men in my life. However, it was an honor.

At that time, I had several responsibilities and many things to do in my ministry. I was actively involved with the writers' guild editing manuscripts and poetry. Life was full of other demands, too.

On one evening in the end of summer, actually around the beginning of September, I was sitting at my computer working on some of my poetry. I believe I was reviewing some poems to submit to a magazine titled, *Sistah Talk Ezine*. The deadline was a few days away, but I wanted to be prepared to send in my work on time.

Daddy was quietly sitting in our living room reading and studying his Bible, as he usually enjoyed doing throughout the day. Simmie was in our bedroom watching television. He probably was stretched out across the bed relaxing. The house was so peaceful. There was a blanket of silence in the atmosphere. All was still. Nobody was calling out to me to do something for them.

So, I was happy to have this time for me to write and to read over old poems. Suddenly, I felt a strong presence of the Lord in the computer room. I sat very still. I was waiting to hear or see something happen. I could strongly feel the presence of the God....He was there, right there! He stood behind me. He said nothing...He reached

out and placed His right hand on my left shoulder. Oh, He was there. He stood there with His hand firmly on my shoulder. Tears ran down my face. I could barely remain seated.

Then, He spoke to me...

*"Wanda. Wanda," He said.*

*"Yes, Lord?" I replied.*

*"Wanda, I have something to say. I want to speak to people," He said in a louder voice.*

*"Wanda, I want you to write a newsletter," God said in a very firm voice.*

*"I don't know what to do about a newsletter. I never wrote one. I never did that before. I have not done this. What can I do? Why..."*

*"Wanda! I will speak and you will write what I want to say. When you write the newsletter, I will be here each time. I will help you."*

*"But, I don't know how to write a newsletter. I can't..."*

*"Wanda, I will lead and show you just what I want. I know you will do what I say and what I want. You will go into the world and say what I want said."*

Well, I sat there and cried. He was still there. He stood there with His hand covering my shoulder.

*"Wanda, the name of this newsletter is, THE LAMP NEWSLETTER. It is the lamp. It is a light to shine brightly in this dark world. The world is dark. It is black. I want to speak about many things happening in this world. I want to talk about the family, church, my people, sinners, the children, the young people, husbands and wives, the governments, the schools, my coming, and so much more.*

*Use the scripture I will tell you to use. Follow my steps. Follow me and I will show you what I want."*

He left me....and I cried. Then, I ran out of the room and told Daddy. He raised his hands in worship. I told Simmie and he was amazed.

I could barely go to sleep that night. I got up and went into the computer room. Jesus came back! He said nothing. He just stood there behind me. I turned on the computer and started looking for graphics of candles, lamps, tiffany lamps, stained glass lamps, more candles, and then I saw ancient lamps in the Bible. There were all kinds. I saw the history about the different kinds. I researched and researched them. I got confused. Which one should I pick?

*“WANDA! WANDA! DON’T USE THEM. Lamps, candles, and these other lights mean so many things to the world! I don’t want that! NO!*

*I want the words bold! THE LAMP NEWSLETTER! This is godly news! I want a bold look to face this dark world! NOTHING FANCY! The world hides behind these things. I want my Word to stand!*

*The world is not listening! The church is trying this and that. They want to become like the world! The newsletter doesn’t need that design on it. I want nothing to take away from the headlines that I will give to you! Your headlines will grab them! The people must get an image of what is being said!*

*This is my newsletter! Follow me!”*

I cried out, “Yes, Lord.” I closed down the graphic sites with the lamps, candles, and other lightings.

*He said, “I am the light! MY Word is the light! The Bible is the light! It shines! The Bible is the lamp...it is My Word!”*

I said, “Yes, My Lord! Yes!

Then He put both of His hands on my shoulder and held me.

*“Keep the print in black and white for the headlines. I want this clear...no confusion. My Word is black and white!*

Yes, Lord,” I cried.

He then stepped aside...

And the work began on October 8, 2008 with me crying out to the Lord to show me Your way. Speak to me! Lead me!

*Thank you so very much for your...*

# Comments about the Lamp Newsletter

Thank you so much, Wanda. I wish you the very best, too. I love your newsletter and all that you put into it to help others. I look forward to meeting you.

Patricia Gallagher

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Sister Burnside,

This was a great issue! God moved through everybody. From the cover to the last page, it was wonderful. I was blessed by what these anointed writers wrote. God bless Ramelle, Sandra, Christine and Michele! Thank the Lord!

Anna

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Wanda,

This newsletter spoke to my heart. I love each issue.

John

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Wanda J.

God truly blessed me by these interesting and touching stories! Keep up the GREAT WORK!

Love, Barbara

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## Continued Comments...

Awesome newsletter!! From Fanny

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Ms. Burnside, God bless you and your staff! It is amazing how God has done such great work through all of you. Stay encouraged.

I want to give you a love offering. I will do that asap! Give my love to Mr. Burnside.

Sincerely,

Cynthia

Hello Wanda,

I have said it many times....your newsletters are so inspirational and encouraging. All of these years, God has helped you to write these newsletters. I've been a fan for years now.

Your staff of writers from the USA and now from Australia and the UK, are a blessing. I was touched by their stories about Christmas. This was a special touch to the Christmas season. Please let them know that this was a gift for this season.

Thank you,

John and family

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Hi Wanda! Girl, you are blessed by publishing this newsletter. How many years is it now? You must be coming up on 10 years?? Keep up the good work!

I love all of the articles and stories!

George

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## Continued Comments...

Wanda, I was surprised to see Michele's writing in your newsletter. Tell her she is loved. God bless her and her family.

Your friend, Alice

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Thanks for the great newsletters! Love and prayers....

your friend Izola

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Wanda,

Thanks for sending me the Lamp. You write from your heart, You are not afraid to tell it like it is!! I love your bold style of writing, When I saw that title, STOP IT! I said, "What!" You stay bold and brave! I love you. Praying for you.

Evangelist Smith

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Sister Burnside, Much continued success!

Deb

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Hello Wanda,

Your newsletters are the light. What a lamp it is to this dark world. We love hearing from our sisters in Australia and the UK. They are precious women of God. They have something to say to the world!

Ramelle has been featured several times. She touches my heart. That story from Michele was great, too.

Love ya!

Sandi



## Continued Comments...

Mrs. Burnside,

My husband and I love the Lamp! You give fresh manna through your writings. Please keep us on your mailing list,

Dorothy and John Butler

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Hey Wanda,

I read every issue of the Lamp. Good job! Good job!

Daniel

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Wanda,

I love the Lamp newsletter. You have great articles and stories. I just love all of the news, birthday and anniversary news, too. Putting all of this information in the newsletter takes a lot of work. I know it is hard work. You keep it real. Love it!

Christine and friends

P.S. I share my Lamp with others

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Hi Wanda,

It felt just like having a Christmas celebration about Jesus reading this issue of the Lamp. I praise God for your writers, they have great talents. Please let them know that they are doing a great job! God bless all of you!

Shirley and John

## Continued Comments...

Mrs. Burnside,

Your newsletters are very informative. I like the poetry and stories. We must keep praying for Kim Clement. Good that Ms. Lee reported on this. Eddie

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Wanda,

Thumbs up! Great newsletter! Great work!! I felt Christmas from the front cover to the back. I love the articles and stories. Every issue of your newsletters lift and encourage me, Thanks. Your friend-Theodore

Praise the Lord Mrs. Burnside,

Happy New Year to you and your family.

I read your newsletter and didn't stop until I finished. I let Hannah see her name in the birthday list. She read it to me. She is so smart.

I also read about Prophet Tim I pray that he will rise up in the name of Jesus I will be praying for him and his family.

God bless you.

Minister Charlestine Herbin

Very informative and great presentations. Great expectations this year. Be blessed Minister Wanda and awesome news 43 years of marriage this year. Towana

## Continued Comments...

Wow Wanda the newsletter was a heaven sent. This comes at such a perfect time. My grandmother went to be with the Lord on December 10, 2015. I was with her in the hospital for 22 days and nights. It had gotten to the point I was not getting enough rest in there to help her call the nurse, help feed her or whatever she needed do to me being so lethargic. So my aunt agreed to visit and spend the night with her and let me go home and get some rest. I asked her to do two things call me if grandma kept asking for me and watch her blood pressure. If her blood pressure dropped lower than 75 systolic call a nurse or get one. I got a text her blood pressure dropped to 32 - I am thinking what that is fatal. Rushed to the hospital to find her peacefully sleep. I could not believe it. The one time I leave her she slipped away.

A few said she was waiting on me to leave her bedside. I have gone back and forth with it. All I know is God gets the last say and now I am at peace. I was my grandmothers caregiver. Since 2009 I cared for her as my grandfather went to be with the Lord. We would take turns watching him. He had developed Alzheimers and sometimes would try to go out of the front door. He passed away at home in the kitchen at the table. My grandmother did not even know he was gone. She had asked me to see about him because he did not want to eat dinner. His last wishes and mostly my grandmothers wishes were met. I am in a daze. I have been thanking God for the experience of knowing my grandparents and being raised by them and the opportunity to help them as an adult as they helped me when I was a child. I thank God for being raised by a Christian mother and grandparents. I thank God for allowing me to express my love, gratitude and servitude toward my grandmother at home and in the hospital. The staff and everyone knew our love for each other and God was our Lord and Savior!

Your newsletter confirms truth about the King of kings and Lord of lords. *Contiued...*

## Continued Comments...

The poem "When Christmas Day is Past" was eloquently written. The testimonies and every contribution touched my heart. May God continue to bless every one that contributed to the newsletter and bless the paper with longevity.

Sister / Daughter in Christ,  
Patricia Travis

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Wanda,

Thanks again for these newsletters. I tried to phone you to express my appreciation and congratulate you on your outstanding news articles, but your voice mail was full and was unable to accept messages. I know that your family is proud of you and all of your accomplishments. That information regarding the new asst. superintendent was interesting. I have been retired for over ten years, but always like to keep current on what's going on in Detroit schools.

Thanks again.

May God continue to smile upon you.

Dr. Louise Campbell

**Good morning Wanda!**

I received your wonderful newsletter and in the process of reading each and every page of it! Writing is such a wonderful outlet for our many facets of expressions and feelings. This Thanksgiving will be different for me as well, as I lost a sister and brother inside of six months of each other this year. Having known that Regina passed away, hit me like a ton of bricks too. So, enjoy your holiday with those whom you hold dear and those who are near. Please know I hold you in the highest of esteem and am very proud to call you my friend. Enjoy the season and many wonderful things it brings (including memories). Love you so very much!!

Deb Foster

Bethlehem House of Detroit, Inc.

## Continued Comments...

Thank you for this newsletter. It was very encouraging especially during these trying times. God bless your work and ministries Sis Burnside.

Sis & Elder McPeak

*Great job, Wanda, of reminding us all that we all have storms in our lives and that God is in the middle of the storm. My prayers are with you. Thanks to Ramelle for sending the goodies to the hurricane people and hi to Mr. Simmie! -Love, Patricia Gallagher*

Thank You for your news letter. We are truly holding on TIGHTER than ever before to our JEHOVAH SHALOM

our JEHOVAH NISSI our JEHOVAH RAPHA our JEHOVAH JIRAH..my Book is a point of reference text book that FOCUSES on JEHOVAH'S Passover LAMB...& all His brand-new Position & Provisions that BELIEVERS have in Him...& teachings about PERFORMING from their spiritual victorious Messiah living in them by FAITH in the valley if various STORMS in their physical realities..My Book "Do You See What I See" is based on God opening spiritual EYES to SEE spiritual life in Christ that in Him there is MORE with US than AGAINST US..Eph.1-6; 2Kgs.6; 1Pt.1; Ro

6-8; Heb.8-10..Now to Him Who Is Able..bless U Sister..please pray for our communion worship times & our upcoming book signing.

-Pastor Tonie Gatlin, Portland, Oregon

Hello ladies,  
I really enjoyed reading the Mother's Day edition. It was informative, encouraging and very inspiring. God bless you for your good work and dedication to the work of the Lord. Love you so Much!!  
Carolyn Thomas

## Continued Comments...

Hello Mrs. Burnside,

A copy of your editor's note for the current issue of The Lamp magazine was forwarded to me this morning. Thank you for having the boldness and compassion to write this editorial. I am fortunate to have a wonderful mother, but it ministered to me in another way. I would love to get copies of your magazine monthly. Please let me know what to do to start receiving the newsletter.

Thank you very much for being who you are in the Lord.

And also for your message on Ballet Shoes.

Have a Wonderful Mother's Day!!

EJ Miller

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**Happy New Year and continued success!!!**

**Beverly Black Johnson**

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**Date: 2014 You did another great job with the newsletter and your writings. Glad you put your poem there. I love your new book cover. Am going to go and listen to your poems now. We will have to talk very soon and catch up. What a lot of work for the newsletter. So nicely written and presented....lots of inspiration and encouragement, my dear friend. Patricia Gallagher**

**2014**

**Thank you for adding me in your newsletter! I appreciate you Wanda! Love you and never stop using your gifts! You are a blessing to the Kingdom of God! Octavia**

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## Continued Comments...

Hello Minister Wanda,

I read your article "Naked." It's motivating to seek the Lord and pour out and not hide a thing from the Lord. I would love for you to be my speaker on our March 24th online broadcast.

The program airs at 9 p.m. and is called "Praising & Sharing with My Sister." A person can call in or use the computer to access the program. Please let me know, and I would also like to invite Sister Ramelle to read her poem in the newsletter and give an overview of how she was inspired to write it. You can let her know or provide her email for me. Thank you in advance for your response. Towana Parker

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2014

Hello Mrs. Burnside,

I pray that all is well with you and your family. I read your newsletter and i would like to thank you for putting my card and a birthday greeting in your newsletter. It is very nice of you. You covered a lot of topics about people past and present. It was very nice. Thank you again.

Love,

Minister Charlestine Herbin

## Continued Comments...

**2014**

**LOVED THE NEWSLETTER!!**

Thanx Wanda your newsletter is much loved & appreciated!

Of course it is always such a buzz to see our names mentioned :) )

thank you SO much for including Judah, Tari, Ray& myself, you're very generous to do that ... xo

The subjects you cover are important & full of insight& great advice, bringing to your readers a great godly perspective on things ...

I love the poetry featured, as well as all the precious people you that you honour with endorsements & encouragement ... that is just wonderful!!

I think it's a godly, 'newsy' informative newsletter& a really great read! Please keep it going & keep up the good work!

**Thank you!!**

***Lots of love & huge blessings***

**Sandra xxx**

Good evening Sister Ramelle. Thank you for the copy of The Lamp Newsletter. Very inspirational and encouraging.

Rev. David Mason

Good evening Sister Burnside,

I really enjoyed reading The Lamp Newsletter. I especially found the article on our young men very enlightening. My heart was touched deeply as I have 3 young adult sons. Sometimes it is difficult to keep encouraging them. Great information shared. Also your poem about the buzzards and the vultures- Believe and Live was needed at this time. Great articles. One of your finest newsletters I have read. Praying for Australia and all the bereaved families. Love you ♥



## Continued Comments...

(Your Father's Day ) Great issue, thanks for all the hard work! It's a lovely presentation.

Blessings to you and your family,

Marty

Wanda..Wanda Wanda!!!

First thing, Thank you soo much for all the wonderful food items that you shared with me and my family! Everything was a blessing! Everything! Thank you!

Oh how I enjoyed your September/ October...The Lamp Newsletter! Such a blessing! You covered everything...It was sooo complete of the upcoming election, the pictures, birthdays, announcements, and especially "God is Positive".

Your set-up of the pages and all were all....Great! I'm soo glad that you sent me an actual copy....I finally got a chance to read it .....completely! Its soo hard to read these days....and to read things completely. But I didn't want to say anything until I had completed it completely.

And, Oh, I even searched for my Bible that I had allowed to get buried from not reading daily, and brought it out, so I too could read Jonah and II Chronicles. Oh yes, the light from your articles truly stimulated and motivated my thoughts to not only take time out to talk to the Lord, but to write you and let you know how blessed I was. And that picture that you had on front ....was soo lovely! You really did the Oprah smile! And it was these personalization that made these article soo awesome! Good job!

MGB

# MORE COMMENTS!

God has blessed us with more comments from our readers who are impressed by what we write. They say that we write about what is currently going on across the world. Readers express that each message gives them another aspect to view life, human beings, the Bible and their relationship with God. Many say that we give them hope and a vision of life. They feel encouraged and uplifted

# The Lamp Newsletter International

## THE STAFF



**Wanda J. Burnside,  
Founder and Publisher**



**Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.  
Manager**

*Simmie Lee, my devoted and loving husband, has faithfully stood by me. He is an awesome blessing in this ministry and business. He is deeply concerned and involved in every aspect of what must be done. I am grateful for his wisdom and godly guidance. He is a very wise man. He has great vision. He is a major financial supporter.*



**Editor,  
Dr. Mary Edwards,  
Founder, Leaves of Gold Consulting, LLC**

*Dr. Mary Edwards has been my editor since the beginning in 2008. It is truly a blessing to have her profound services and fervent prayers. Dr. Edwards gave me the first \$100.00 for the production of The Lamp Newsletter. Her encouraging words will never be forgotten.*

# A GREAT STAFF of WRITERS

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Praise the Lord for a tremendous team of writers. Their outstanding dedication and exceptional work is extraordinary! They have a godly anointing. They are sensitive to the voice of the Lord and keenly in tune to what He wants said in this earth through their writings. They yield their talents, skills and gifts to bring forth godly messages to reach the world through their articles, poetry, and other work.

This year, 2020, has presented worldwide challenges and struggles because of COVID-19. During this pandemic, a time of great restrictions and limitations, I am so proud of my staff because they have remained focused and forthright.

They have faced every issue that has come during this time: the killing of Mr. George Floyd, civil unrest, race riots, protests, and battles about "Black Lives Matters." God has spoken to them. They have addressed these issues.

They are united in prayer concerning COVID-19. This critical health crisis that has afflicted millions and brought death to scores of families and friends are my writers' deepest concerns. We know that THE BLOOD OF JESUS covers and protects us in this time of grave concerns. Therefore, they have proclaimed the power of Jesus' Blood to prevail upon those who believe!

Now, as America faces a major time in our country's presidential leadership and changes in our political management, as Christian writers, we are extremely sensitive and alert. We are listening to the Voice of the Lord and watching what is happening. However, we endeavor to write according to what He is saying. God has intensified His call to us to be A WATCHMAN on the WALL.

We agree that these are the last days! Christ will soon return! We will write to lead souls to Christ! We declare, *"Repent! Give your life to Christ! Be Ready! Be Ready!"*

**The United States Writers**  
**Serving since 2015**



**Mrs. Michele Barnes (Burnside's Cousin)**  
**Community Activist and Reporter**



**Author Ramelle T. Lee,**  
**Founder, Touching Your Heart Ministries**

**The International Ministry Leaders and Writers**  
**Serving since 2013**



**Sandra Hickman,**  
**Australia**



**Mrs. Christine V. Mitchell**  
**The UK-London/England**

**New Writing Staff                  Since 2019**  
**Thank God for GROWTH!**



**Thank the Lord for increase!**

Top Left: Mrs. Doris Homan and Right: Mrs. Kizzy Staten-Grey  
Center: Ms. Donna R. Brooks, the Youth Writer

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

*I thought you should know...*

*Wanda J. Burnside's Family*



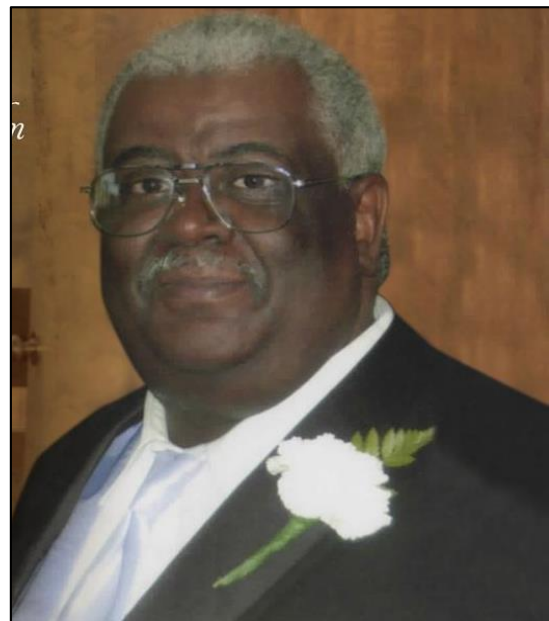
*Elder Minor Palm, Jr.*  
**Daddy**



*Evangelist Willie Lee Palm*  
**Mama**



*Songstress Regina Morna Palm*  
**Baby Sister**



*Elder Rodger Minor Palm*  
**Brother**

Dear Readers,

I have written many articles and stories through the years that features or mentions about my parents. They played a major role in my life. I am not their only child. As I have also shared with you, I am their oldest child, followed by my dear brother, Elder Rodger Minor Palm, and then our precious baby sister, Miss Regina Morna Palm.

Now, they are all gone on...to be with The Lord. Oh, I miss them so much. It is really hard to live on and press on without them...here living with me. I have shed many tears. I have precious memories that I hold very close to me. However, I love to share them with you, too.

In October 2008, when God called me to write and publish The Lamp Newsletter, Mama wasn't here. She died March 14, 2002. I know that if she was here, she would encourage me to write for the Lord! Mama was the one who taught me to write when I was only 3 years old! Yes, I wrote my first poem and she had me to print it out on several sheets of paper so that she could mail it to my grandparents, uncles, aunts and godmother. That's a start to newsletter work!

In my history of The Foundation of The Lamp Newsletter (pages 3-5), I mentioned that my father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr., was living with us, Simmie and me, in 2008. This is six years after my Mama's death. He had the opportunity to learn about my call to write this newsletter. Daddy was a strong supporter and loved to read every issue of the newsletter from October 2008 until he died in April 2010.

Yes, that was only for less than 2 years, BUT...that was major because he prayed, rejoiced and spoke words of the Lord over me and the newsletter. He cried out for blessings to be upon it! Daddy gave me offerings, financial support; to help with the various expenses needed to produce this publication. I am forever thankful.

God blessed Regina and Rodger to read The Lamp Newsletter before their deaths. Regina went Home to be with the Lord July 31, 2017. Rodger went Home October 31, 2019. They both expressed how surprised they were that I decided to publish a newsletter. However, the most amazing thing was that they said that it will become a full newspaper one day. They said that I always have something to say because I like to talk a lot. Well...we'll see...

Lord, Thank You for My Beloved Family.



*I am blessed to have a kitchen window where God sends beautiful and special nature visitors all year! I love each one who comes to visit me!*

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