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Dear Partners,

Greetings from the Fiddlers Three! If you don't know us we are Ron, Deb and Cheryl, the proud children of Harley and Donna.

We asked our parents if we could write the January newsletter. They were happy to oblige seeing how they are getting ready for their 50th

wedding anniversary trip to Hawaii, thus the reason for this letter. We want to thank you for the

overwhelming response to our invitation to participate in the surprise celebration we gave them in November. Their Wedding date is January 27th. We did it in November because it was the only time our entire family could be together.

It was a weekend of surprises for them. They were expecting all the family for Thanksgiving except my niece [Debs daughter] and her husband Rob. They live in Florida and told my parents they were unable to get leave from the air

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They were surprised and overwhelmed with joy that the whole family was together. It was very loud for a

force and would not be there. Thanksgiving morning we are in the kitchen cooking and talking about how we wished Dawn and Rob could be with us, knowing they were about to ring the doorbell. As they got to the door they called my parents sharing their regrets about not being there as they walked through the door still talking to them on the phone. The looks on my mom and dad's faces were priceless.

few moments while every one discussed how difficult it was trying to keep it a surprise. I was thinking one down one to go; I hope we can pull this off.

So now it is the day after Thanksgiving and we are thinking of how to get mom and dad to the hotel party room without them being suspicious. So I did what I had been doing for the past couple of months, I lied. Yes I decided it was for a good cause so I would lie and get forgiveness later. I told them we had arranged to have a family picture taken the next day



and to be at the hotel between 2:15 and 2:30. They arrived at 2:30 to a room full of family and friends and of course food. Again they were totally surprised. This time it took them a minute to figure it out. My dad looked at me and asked "what is this?" as he looked around the room spotting familiar faces some he had not seen in 30 years. I pointed to the Happy Anniversary sign on the wall and replied, "It is your anniversary party." They had to sit down for a minute to let it sink in, and then they spent the afternoon with friends and family that came from far and near to celebrate with them.

Mom and dad didn't have a wedding cake when they got married. My dad said they went to my mom's house and had coffee. We had a beautiful wedding cake for them. They cut and fed each other cake and toasted each other. Together 50 years but the looks of love on their faces made it look like their wedding day.

My husband purchased a huge mailbox and we placed all of your cards in it. Later that night at their home we opened the cards and read them to mom and dad. All eyes were filled with tears and all hearts were humbled by your generosity and words of kindness and encouragement.



We are so thankful that God has blessed our parents with such wonderful partners and friends. We couldn't have done this without you. We also realize that our parents are able to carry the gospel around the world because of your prayers and support. By the time you read this mom and dad will most likely be in Hawaii. Knowing my parents there are undoubtedly airline employees, hotel clerks, waiters and waitresses and various others on the beautiful islands that have had the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior shared with them in a most unforgettable way.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for helping make this a memorable occasion. A special thanks to those who took time on a busy holiday weekend to drive to Pickerington Ohio and celebrate with us.

We pray that every seed you have sown through prayer and finances into this ministry will be multiplied and returned back to you and your families. May you prosper and be in health as your soul prospers in this New Year. In behalf of the Fiddlers Three.

Love and Prayers,

Cheryl Hiatt

Please be in prayer for upcoming trips to
India and Korea, February 13th through
March 19th.



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