



September 2017



Dear Prayer Family,

Henry & Marilyn Blackaby thank you for your continued prayers. In August, Henry and Richard participated in an event at the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, GA. Henry enjoyed encouraging those who attended.

Henry and Marilyn ask that you keep them in your prayers throughout September as they will be traveling with Richard and Lisa on a New England cruise. Pray that they have a restful and rejuvenating trip. Please also continue to pray for Henry's health and stamina.

Richard Blackaby, *BMI President*, appreciates the ongoing prayer support he receives each month from BMI's friends. He repeatedly sees evidence that God is working as people pray. For the last several years, Richard has intentionally slowed down in August to study, write, and prepare for the fall. He did speak at First Baptist Church of Hamilton, Washington. The event was timely. The pastor's wife had just completed her breast cancer treatments. Further testing indicated the cancer might have spread to her brain. They announced this development on the Sunday morning Richard was preaching. Richard was able to pray over her and to encourage the church. Tests conducted the following day indicate that the cancer has not spread.

Richard would appreciate your prayers for him in September as it will be a busy travel and speaking month. He will speak at Cornerstone Community Church in Phoenix. Thousands of people at this church have studied Blackaby materials. He will also speak at a city-wide Bible study and conduct leadership training for business people in Scottsdale. While he is in the area, Richard—along with Mark Clifton—will speak at a church revitalization event in Phoenix. From there he will travel to Illinois to speak at a gathering of pastors at the Salem Baptist Association. After that he'll preach at Grove Level Baptist Church in Dalton, GA, with his son Daniel, and then at a training event in Dallas for Christian CEOs. Once he finishes that busy stretch, Richard and Lisa will get to take a week off! They will accompany Henry and Marilyn on a New England cruise. Henry and Marilyn needed someone to help them make the trip, and Richard sensed that the President of Blackaby Ministries should shoulder that responsibility! Richard will close out September at a frenetic pace. He will speak at another church revitalization event in Athens, GA, with Mark Clifton. Immediately afterward he will travel to San Antonio to teach at a graduate level CEO training event. Finally, he'll speak at the bi-annual international convention of the American Association of Christian Counselors at the Opryland Convention Center in Nashville.

Richard certainly appreciates your prayers that God would grant him the exact words to share for each of these events. Pray also that he will speak words of encouragement to the people he encounters at each event. Please pray as BMI is in the process of releasing Richard's two new books. The first is called *Developing a Powerful Praying Church*, co-authored with Rick Fisher. The second book is about spiritual leadership coaching, co-authored with Bob Royall. Please continue to pray that Richard and Lisa would finally sell their house in Greenville, SC! Thank you!

Bob Royall, *Director of BMI Coaching*, asks for prayer as the BMI team is putting the finishing touches on a new book about spiritual leadership coaching.

Please also pray for God to draw those who would benefit from participating in the Spiritual Leadership Coaching Workshop November 29-December 1 (www.blackabycoaching.org/workshop).

Thank you for your prayers!

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

-1 John 5:14

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