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The purpose of Faith Bible Fellowship is to glorify God by developing disciples of Jesus Christ from spiritual birth to spiritual maturity.

We define a developing disciple as one who:

- ◆ is worshipping God both privately and with other believers
- ◆ is growing in the knowledge of the Scriptures and applying it in daily life
- ◆ is sharing his or her life and resources with fellow believers
- ◆ and is sharing Christ with those who do not know him.

From Pastor Chris: Get Well, Friend

I've spent some time this past week visiting John Frazier in his hospital room at Methodist Medical Center. About a week ago John suffered a stroke. The stroke led to pneumonia, and while there has been some improvement in his condition, he is still very ill. I know that he and Madalyn appreciate your continued prayers.

My favorite John Frazier story will probably always be "The Hole." After we purchased our present facility on Iroquois Road, but before we took possession of the property, a gaping and apparently bottomless hole mysteriously opened up in the lawn right next to the front steps.

Fresh on the heels of the Mona Lane sink-hole debacle in Oak Ridge, we had visions of something like Carlsbad Caverns swallowing up our new church building, leaving us with only the mortgage. "The hole" was the site of many an impromptu meeting of concerned church members and leaders, and much chin-pulling and hand-wringing.

John, however, who was serving FBF as an elder at the time, just couldn't seem to get a grip on the awful gravity of the situation. His first suggestion was that we throw non-tithers into the hole until it filled up.

Even when I was finally able to call him with good news about "the hole" (it was a dam-

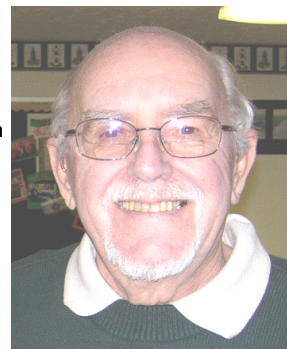
aged underground rain drainage pipe—not a sink-hole or worse), John said, "Let me guess—it goes all the way to China and we're going to be able to send missionaries through."

Now, John lies in a hospital bed, apparently unimpaired in mind but struggling to breathe and articulate words. And yet, yesterday he was able to ask if a cheeseburger could be pushed through his feeding tube.

His family is encouraged that John hasn't lost his sense of humor—but it's more than just a sense of humor. It's also a sense of absolute confidence in God's goodness. It's an awareness that no matter the crisis, we can absolutely rest in God's watchcare and mercies.

It's a useful example to me. I tend to inflate rather than downplay the severity of my own trials. I am much quicker to alarm myself with all the awful what-ifs that might present themselves. The question underlying all is, "Is God good?". Thanks, John, for your unshakeable conviction that he is.

And get well, friend.



FBF Helping Malovic Car Fund

Hrvoje and Petra Malovic, our missionaries in Croatia, are in need of a family vehicle. Hrvoje made a special Christmas season appeal to his supporters throughout the U.S., which generated more than a third of the

\$15,000 cost. FBF handled that mailing, and received and receipted donations. In addition, the Malovics have asked us to put our regular support to the car fund, which now stands at



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