# Cynthia Spears Update May 2014

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Terry Spears, Jr. April 3, 1970 – Feb. 16, 2013

# Dear Brethren,

Greetings from the Bluegrass State where spring has finally begun! I apologize for my sparse correspondence for the past few months. I have been rather overwhelmed with school and various things, but still find myself rejoicing in the Lord for His all-sufficient grace.

#### DEATH IN THE FAMILY

On Feb. 18 my 31-year-old brother, Cyrus, who lived in the Philippines left this life and went home to be with the Lord. He died of tuberculosis. His death came exactly one year and two days after my Terry passed away. Although I know my brother is in a better place, there is still yet another deep void left in my heart.



My brother and Terry (December 2011)

#### NEW PASTOR AT IMUS BAPTIST

On a positive note, the Lord answered a prayer that has been on our hearts for a very



long time. I am thrilled to inform you that Imus Baptist Temple has been blessed with a new pastor. Bro. Ruel Bardon and his dear wife have been members of the church for quite some time. He had received training from my late husband while we were on the field. After much prayer and wrestling with the Lord, Bro. Ruel surrendered to the ministry. The church ordained him on Feb 16th

(exactly one year after Terry's home going). The church is excited and very supportive of their new Pastor.

#### INVITED TO SPEAK

On May 3, I had the privilege to be invited to a Mother-Daughter Banquet to sing, share my testimony, and give a devotion at Bethel Baptist Church in Crescent Springs, Kentucky. I have enjoyed my time with the ladies, and I was touched by their warm hospitality.

### **COLLEGE**

I have just finished my second semester and will be starting summer classes next week. Going back to school as a full time student, after years of being away from it, is quite challenging. It is a new chapter in my life that seems to help with the grieving process, since it gives me something to look forward to in the future.



## **MY KIDS**



Mothers Day (May 2014)

Bryce is doing well with home schooling. He enjoyed the change in seasons this year. Chris (my oldest) has just finished his second year of medical school, and he is now preparing for his board exams in June. Third year of medical school will consist of training under attending and resident physicians in various specialties in the hospitals. He and his wife, Ammie, are excited.

I am truly grateful for the emails, phone calls, and text messages. Your thoughtfulness, encouragements, and concern mean a lot to me. *Thank you* so much for your prayers and financial support.

Please continue to hold my children and me in your prayers.

Under His Wings, Cynthia Spears

<sup>&</sup>quot;But I am poor and needy; yet the LORD thinketh upon me: Thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God." Psa. 40:17