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BILLY GRAHAM HOME AFTER HOSPITALIZATION New valve in shunt working well; will be programmed at home

ASHEVILLE, NC, Thursday, February 19, 2008 -- Billy Graham returned to his mountain home in Montreat, N.C., early this afternoon, following discharge from Mission Hospitals in nearby Asheville, where he underwent an elective procedure to replace the valve in his brain shunt on February 13.

The 89-year-old evangelist is recovering well from the valve replacement, and physicians are pleased with his progress. Subsequent CT scans have confirmed that the new device is functioning properly in maintaining optimal pressure within his brain. According to Mr. Graham's neurosurgeon, Dr. Ralph C. Loomis, the externally-programmable valve will be further calibrated at his home over the next several days, for maximum benefit.

During his hospitalization, Mr. Graham continued with his regular regimen of multiple walks each day and physical therapy to maintain strength. Three of his children living nearby visited him in the hospital, including Franklin, president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and his wife Jane Austin Graham; Anne Graham Lotz; and Ruth Graham. His

daughter GiGi Graham Foreman of Florida, and son Ned Graham of Washington State, sent greetings by telephone.

Mr. Graham remained in good spirits during his entire hospitalization and enjoyed the many cards and letters he received, as well as a phone call from President George W. Bush. Upon release, he and his children expressed appreciation for the outpouring of love and concern for his continued good health and prayers for a speedy recovery.

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