

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

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"Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people." - Psalm 96:3

The more Scripture I read, the more I am convinced that God's heart yearns to reconcile the world to Himself. This is the overarching theme of Scripture, and it should be the heart of every local church and individual Christian to be an active part of the evangelization of the nations. I hope that today your heart is open to see the needs of the lost around you and that you are compelled to make a difference in the lives of those around the world who are still waiting to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

January and February have already been a whirlwind of ministry travel for our family. God has opened doors this year for us to minister to missionary families and churches and to take part in evangelistic opportunities. Although we are technically still on deputation, I am so thankful for each of these meetings, and we are praying that God would bring forth much fruit!

One of the highlights of February was the Marriage Retreat that Cathy and I were able to help with at Liberty Baptist Church in Indianapolis. I firmly believe that the key to evangelizing the world begins with reflecting Christ in our homes. By strengthening our marriages, we are preparing for the task ahead. In addition to the retreat, we also had the opportunity to speak at several youth conferences, stewardship conferences, and missions conferences over the past two months.

Looking ahead, things are about to get even busier. We have several deputation meetings scheduled over the next few months, which will lead us straight into camp season, followed by a mission trip to Papua New Guinea, and then a period of ministry in Europe.

We greatly appreciate your prayers for Cathy as she recovers from knee surgery. She had a full knee replacement ten days ago and is slowly healing. We expect her to be home for the next six to eight weeks as she recovers. While she is on this painful yet necessary "extended vacation," I am looking forward to spending time with our son Ben, who will be traveling with me to many of our upcoming deputation meetings.

This week, I met with a couple who have a burden for Europe, and we specifically discussed the country of Greece and the ministry opportunities there. That evening, we continued our conversation at a small, family-owned diner. When we went to pay for our meal, I noticed the cashier had a unique accent and asked him where he was from. Given that we were in a small town with virtually no foreign population, I was surprised to learn that he was from North Macedonia and had been born and raised right on the border of Greece. It was an incredible moment to share with him that we had just been discussing Greece—and an even greater privilege to share the Gospel with him!

God has been graciously providing, and we are thankful that our support continues to grow. But even more than that, we rejoice in seeing people respond to the call of the Great Commission. Every opportunity we have to speak to a congregation or encourage a family is a humbling reminder of the privilege we have—to help prepare and sustain the dear people who will radically impact the world for Christ in the coming generation.

Thank you so much for your prayers, generous support, and friendship as we endeavor to reach the world!

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