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Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

Over the last week and a half or so, we are experiencing life at both ends of the spectrum. On one hand, God has been blessing the church and ministry in a great way, but on the other hand, Satan is attacking us personally. We understand that is how Satan often works, and I am not complaining, discouraged, or depressed. I do not usually share a lot of personal things, but I am always asked if there is anything specific that people could pray for. And this week we can use a little extra prayer.

Satan is attacking us in two areas. The more trivial area is with our vehicles. Our main vehicle, that Christy mostly uses, broke down on us about two weeks ago and is now in the shop getting a bunch of transmission work done. We were okay though because we have a second car. As of Friday night, my car is now sitting on the side of the road, and I will have it towed next Monday to my mechanic. The plus is we live on a beautiful island and the weather has been great, so we are enjoying walking.

The other thing that has been hard is that we have lost three loved ones over the last week. On Wednesday, we found out that one of the girls that was in our orphanage for many of the eight years we were there passed away of a heart attack in her mid-twenties. Then on Saturday, my mom's sister in Ohio passed away, and on Sunday night, Christy's grandmother in Missouri passed away. Needless to say, this is a hard time, and we are a little emotional at the moment. The good news is that all three of them were saved, including my aunt, who accepted Christ as her Savior the day before she passed away. Again, I do not usually share so much personal stuff, and we will be okay. I simply write this so that you can all pray for us.

I would also like to tell you about what God has been doing in our church so that you rejoice with us also. Earlier this year, we were able to get back to putting invitations in mailboxes once again. Rules are a little different here, so that is how we do our door knocking. We have never had anyone come to church because of this particular outreach...until last week. We had a man come who actually found one thrown on the road and a family of four come because of an invitation they received in their mailbox. So, we had five first time visitors last Sunday spread out over the three different services that we had to have because of the limited capacity we are allowed. We ended up having services at 10:45, 12:30, and 2:00. Then yesterday, the three adults that visited came back and we had two more first time visitors! We actually ended up with our highest attendance ever for a regular Sunday.

God has also been working in the lives of Carlos and Rounnellys, the couple from Venezuela that lived with us for ten months last year. Through someone that has been visiting our church they were able to get into their own studio apartment, with a view of the Mediterranean, and for about 60% of the actual rental value. Carlos also finally got a job! He signed his contract about two weeks ago and is now able to work full-time. And this past Friday, we had our first baby shower because Rounnellys is expecting; their son, Caleb should be born sometime next month. They are a huge blessing and have become family. We are very grateful for them and for what God is doing for them! God is good!

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
Markie Bullock