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“...always laboring fervently for you in prayers...” Colossians 4:12

One of my favorite Bible characters is the man Epaphras, mentioned in Colossians chapters one and four. The thing about his life that really stands out to me is his focus on prayer. Paul portrays Epaphras as a prayer warrior – one who was always praying fervently for others. What a challenge that is in my own life! May we all be prayer warriors – because prayer does matter; it does make a difference!

I am so thankful for those faithful prayer warriors God has raised up to intercede for me! Many of you are so faithful in your prayers – thank you so much!

Prayer Requests:

I Thess. 5:25 “Brethren, pray for us.”

- I am considering publishing a small book of poetry entitled “When the Rains Descend,” Bible-based poems of encouragement for those going through difficult times. I would plan on selling the books and putting the proceeds toward my Sweden trip. Please be in prayer for me as I have many decisions to make in regard to this project.
- Please continue to be in prayer for the Morells and Deliches over in Sweden. The Morells will be coming home for a furlough this summer. And please continue to pray for the church plant in process in Stockholm.
- Please continue to pray for safety in travel. I praise the Lord for a safe trip out west – God was certainly watching out for me! Please pray also as I will be driving out to Pennsylvania here at the end of this month.
- Please pray for an increase in support. I am currently at 29.5%. Pray that some more churches and perhaps even some more individuals might be able to take me on for support.

Again, please continue to pray! It is such a vital part of missions. In conclusion, may I challenge you, as I challenge myself, with I Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray without ceasing.” For the “harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” (Matthew 9:37) There is a need in this world – souls desperately need Christ – and prayer does make a difference!

May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!

For Christ Alone,
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Jer. 32:27

Jeremiah 32:27 “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?”