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"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my last prayer letter I closed with the above verse. I thought it appropriate to begin this month's letter with this thought provoking verse. Over the past four months, the truth of this verse has surely come to pass in our own lives. While we had a pretty good idea what was in store for us, I am so glad that we heeded the lesson in this verse. We truly do not know what a day may bring forth. We can plan for the day; we can even plan for the next day or week; but in the final analysis, only God knows what lies ahead. But there is comfort here. I am so thankful that God is leading through all the stormy blast. I am thankful that He only allows us to see what is happening moment by moment. I am thankful that when a new day dawns, it is there for us to seize for the glory of God. Whatever each day brings forth, we know that God is in control and that we have a great opportunity to please Him each step we take in that day. We dare not boast of what we will or will not do, because things can change so quickly. While it may take us by surprise, nothing surprises Him who reigns on high. James put it this way in James 4:13-15. **"Go to now, ye that say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:' whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For ye ought to say, 'If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.'"** And so as I write this letter I am acutely aware that whatever we have planned, we say with care, "LORD WILLING!"

As you know I had my second knee replacement surgery on January 31. I want to thank all of you who have prayed for my recovery. The month of February

was spent recovering and healing. I am still sore, and it seems to be taking longer this time to fully heal, but God has been very gracious to help me during this rehab period of time. Lord willing, I will continue therapy and rehab through the month of March. Please pray that I will be fully well by the end of March.

I also want to remind you that, Lord willing, we will be leaving the States on May 9. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to relieve missionary Matthew Furan. We will be traveling to Saipan to help the Furans and Calvary Baptist Church while they are on furlough for three months. Please pray for us as we make preparations for this trip. Please pray that God would prepare the hearts of the people to warmly receive us.

As you consider what I wrote at the beginning of this letter, we covet your prayers for 2025. God has opened a door for us to relieve a missionary family in the country of England. We have accepted this call, and Lord willing, we will be leaving the States on January 28, 2025. We will be traveling to Corby, England to relieve missionary Roger Tooley and his wife, Tammy. The plans are for us to stay there six months. Please pray for us as we plan. Please pray that God will supply our financial needs for this trip. We are looking forward to helping the Tooleys and wanted you to know now so that you can earnestly pray.

We do have some meetings scheduled for April and early May. We also hope to have a slate of meetings scheduled from August through November. We are not boasting; we are letting you know what we are planning by God's grace. Pray for us that we will follow His will and be true to our calling each and every day.

Because of my continued recovery from surgery, we do not have anything planned for March. Because of this, we will not write again until the end of April. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for your prayers!! May God richly bless each one of you in the days ahead. We would love to hear from you.

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