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Dear Faithful Prayer Partners,

First, we want to thank you all for your prayers for us during this year. It is a comfort to know that you keep us before the Lord. This time of year also reminds us of God's precious gift of the Lord Jesus Christ – the greatest gift of all.

After our return from West Virginia, we only had a short time to prepare for our trip to Louisiana and Georgia. Our time in Louisiana was so encouraging as we were able to help a church that we had not been in before. We were also able to update a supporting church and present our work to two new churches. During our travels to Georgia, our truck broke down, and we had to spend three extra days in Florida. The Lord provided for every need. The campground had one spot left, and it was next to a Tractor Supply, where we were able to fill our propane bottle. There was also a grocery store across the street, so we were able to buy some things we were out of. The Ford dealership was only 6 miles away, and they had a shuttle service to return us to our camper while we waited for our truck to be repaired. There were some extra costs, but God always provides our needs.

Thanksgiving was wonderful and very different this year. We spent it camping with our daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. This is the first time we have ever done that, and it was so nice. Our daughter found a wonderful place in North Carolina, only a two-hour drive from our home. It was cold, but we kept a fire going and ate a very untraditional meal. We grilled salmon instead of having turkey or ham. It was a great time for all of us. We are thankful to be able to be home for Christmas, too.

The new year will bring a lot of traveling. At the end of January, we will be leaving for Tucson, AZ. The church we helped with their new building last year needs some other things done, and we plan to spend about a month with them. Then we travel back to Louisiana to help the same church we were in during September. Due to our schedule, we were not able to do everything at that time. We will be with this church for about a month. Then we get to return home for about a week before heading off to NC for Family Fellowship Week with our mission board. We also have some update meetings scheduled in April. So a very busy first quarter of the new year.

We still have not heard from Pastor Ray on Nukuoro, but we do ask that you keep him in your prayers. As soon as we hear from him, we will update you on the ministry there.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep our travels in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support as we seek to serve the Lord with our lives.

In His Service, Jack & Melinda