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Greetings from Delta Junction, Alaska. We trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas. As I write this letter, it is a balmy -32 outside, which is the warmest it has been in almost a week. Here at our apartment we have seen a low of -51.5, but other parts of town have seen it much colder. We are thankful that the wind has not been blowing because that makes it even worse.

We praise the Lord that we both are feeling better. The day after Christmas I got hit with a terrible case of gastroenteritis. Since I already have irritable bowel disease, the last few days of 2008 were very difficult. I ended up in the emergency room where they gave me four I.V. bags of fluids and ran several tests to be sure nothing serious was going on. Nancy took good care of me and tried to avoid the bug, but on Tuesday it caught up with her too. But thankfully she only suffered a couple of days with it.

We are looking forward to this new year and are praying God will open more doors of opportunity for us here in Delta. Most of all, we pray that God will open the hearts of those to whom we have been witnessing so that they will be saved. Many people we know here in town are so down and without any hope. However, they do not want anything to do with God. So many have families that are coming apart, yet they reject the One that can help. It saddens our hearts to talk with them and share the love of God with them only to see them continue doing the same things, and having no desire to change. They seek answers from the world. When they find no answers there, they try to ignore the pain by working all the time or turning to other things the world has to offer. Please help us pray for these individuals that we deal with on an almost-daily basis.

The Lord has given us many other opportunities to help some individuals that have serious illnesses. God has given

us opportunity to witness to them. We have seen the walls come down that they used to put up when we tried to discuss anything to do with God. Please pray with us for a lady we have known for several years. She had cancer a couple of years ago and underwent successful treatment, but recently learned that it has returned. As I write this letter she is in Seattle recuperating from surgery. The doctors were able to get all the cancer. Praise the Lord! We pray that her heart will remain tender and open to the work God is doing in her life that she will see her need of salvation and be gloriously saved.

The Russians that we work with are doing well. Sophia continues to fight with us over the Holy Spirit and tongues but still continues to come to the services when it is convenient. She likes to go with her friends to church where the crowds are. But occasionally she will drop in when we don't expect her to come. Regina has such a burden for her children and grandchildren. She desires to give her grandchildren Bibles to try to teach them that God is the only answer. You can see that Regina has a real concern for them. Please help us pray for her and her family as well as the other Russians that we know and have contact with.

We praise the Lord for each of you and pray that God will give you a blessed New Year. We appreciate your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for the work here and the many people that we minister to here in Delta Junction.

In His service,

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16