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Greetings from Delta Junction, Alaska where winter is still here. The temperature is still dropping into the -20's at night, but warming into the upper teens above zero during the day. One good thing is we are gaining about 7 minutes of daylight each day. This winter has been harder than some we have experienced. We endured the extreme cold temperatures of January. The -50 temperatures were hard on our vehicle. Oil lines cracked and began to leak, the seal in our power steering pump went out, and our battery died. In the cold temperatures condensation pours out of the exhaust. The moisture falls to the ground and immediately freezes. As the vehicle idles, the condensation just keeps piling up and forms a mound that resembles a small volcano. When we backed over one of these "ice volcanoes", the tire went flat. There was no hole in it, but the tire just lost its bead from around the rim and went flat. We had to put the truck in a warm garage and remove the tire before we could get any air back into it. But we praise the Lord for his safety, as we were out in some of the coldest weather that we have seen in a long time. After all this happened to our vehicle, one morning I walked around the truck to make sure all the tires were up. I noticed that most of the back window of the cover was gone with only a little bit of glass remaining. I thought maybe a rock had flown up from a passing vehicle until I noticed the little BB shot hole in the corner and knew then that someone had shot it out. A few days later I saw one of our neighbors and noticed that someone had shot the back window out of her pickup also. We praise the Lord that it was only our cover window and not one of the truck windows. We were able to repair it with some 1/4" plywood.

We ask that you pray for Regina and her family. She is so burdened for them. As I write this letter, she must make a decision that may cause some problems with some of her family. Please help us pray that God will open hearts and that they will see their true need of salvation. Recently she welcomed two new great-grandchildren. She remembered a message that I preached a few months ago when I mentioned that the Bible was the answer to all our problems and the instruction manual for life. Since then she has given the children New Testaments and told the family that it is all they need. She has asked us to order 20 New Testaments for her to give to other family members. Pray that God will use these New Testaments and that we will see souls saved.

The Lord has given us many opportunities this winter to minister to some Russian families with whom we have not had contact previously. One of these families was burned out of their home and lost everything. We have been able to minister to them as well as to some of their relatives. Please pray with us that this door will remain open. The Bible Study that the Lord has given us opportunity to start at the fire department is going well. Others are asking questions about it and seem interested in what we are doing. We pray that more will start coming. It is our desire to see many souls saved. The ones that we mentioned in our January letter that are having family problems are still trying to solve things their own way. They still do not want anything to do with God. The lady that we mentioned that was in Seattle having cancer surgery is doing well and is back at work. We praise the Lord for the way that He has touched her. Please pray with us for these families and individuals that the Lord would be able to use us in their lives.

We praise the Lord for each of you. We so appreciate your prayers and support for the ministry here in Delta Junction. Please continue to pray for us and for the many people that God brings our way. It is our desire to be faithful and to see souls saved for His honor and glory.

We are planning furlough next year and are looking forward to seeing you. If you would like us to visit your church, please let us know if there is a particular time that would be best. We are praying about leaving Alaska the first week of February and returning the end of June 2010.

In His service,

