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Greetings from Elon, NC. Nancy came in July, and I arrived on August 3rd. As you may know, I had been trying to get here since the middle of February. But due to some unforeseen (by me, but not by God) medical problems, I was delayed, and Nancy ended up returning to Alaska in April.

In my last letter, I gave an update on my medical conditions. There has been much change since then. I have been in the ER again but due to reactions to some meds I was put on to help my breathing. I have had more tests, but still have no clear answers as to what is causing the problems. I have been referred to the only lung specialist in Alaska, but at the time of writing this letter I have not heard anything from him yet. I have contacted one in Seattle, WA as well, and I am still waiting to hear from them also. The waiting is not easy. But I am trusting the Lord. Paul realized that God's grace was better than the healing could have been. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9. It is a hard lesson to learn, personally, but one that must be learned. When we rely totally upon Him and His wonderful grace, we can have peace during the worst of times because His grace is sufficient for all things.

A few weeks before I left Alaska, I had the opportunity to preach at Greatland Baptist Church and see a young ten-year-old girl get saved. A week later she was baptized. Her dad was baptized a few weeks before that. Last night I learned that the family has welcomed a baby girl into their family. The Middlebrook family, another young missionary family in the church, had a new little girl born into their family as well. Pray for them as well. If the Lord opens the door, they may be moving out to one of the villages in western Alaska soon. There also have been 3 new families join the church since we left for NC. These families have been coming regularly for a while and we rejoice that they have joined the church family. We praise the Lord for all He has done and is doing there at the church. Pastor Cliff is being used greatly there and it is a privilege to be able to work with him and work out of the church there to carry the Gospel to the community of Delta Junction and surrounding areas.

Please keep the need of starting a homeless and alcoholic outreach ministry there in Delta Junction in your prayers. We want to start a ministry through the church that will reach the needs of those that are down and out because of drugs and alcohol. We desire to feed them physically, and most of all, spiritually, not just get them sober and back out on the street but reach them where they are with the Gospel and disciple them. We only desire to start this type of ministry if God is in it and not just because we desire it. There is a great need for a ministry of this type there in Alaska because alcohol and drugs are destroying so many lives. I have seen many die, and others that have ruined their lives with drugs and alcohol.

Lord willing, I am planning to get the Yukon that we purchased a year and a half ago to Alaska. It has been at my sister's house in Graham, NC since we left back in May 2022. We are driving it while we are here, but we really need it back in Alaska. The old truck is not safe to drive long distances anymore, especially in the wintertime. We praise the Lord that He has kept it running now for over 427,000 miles. There are some things we need to get done to the Yukon before we head to Alaska. It will cost about \$1200 to make it ready for our Alaskan winters. Also, there are the expenses of driving to Alaska. We priced taking the ferry from Bellingham, WA to Haines, AK but it was way too expensive, around \$4500 just for that part of the trip. Driving the whole way from Elon, NC to Delta Junction, Alaska through Canada and on to the Alaska Highway will be a total of about 4500 miles or so, depending on the route we take. We estimate the travel expenses will be around \$3500 to \$4000. Help us pray about this need for us to know God's will for Nancy and me to drive back, or just me and maybe another individual that would like to help drive. Pray that God will supply the need for the travel expenses, as well for the work that needs to be done to the vehicle to be completed in His timing, not ours. I would like to make the trip before winter, but it is up to God to when He makes the way clear for us to travel.

Please continue to keep Nancy's parents in your prayers. They are not doing well. Please keep Nancy in your prayers as well, seeing her parents like that is difficult, but we are trusting the Lord for His grace is sufficient, and He knows all and cares.

In His service,

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