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Greetings from Greensboro, NC. I want to apologize and express how truly sorry I am for the delay in getting a letter sent. I truly intended to send one before December, but my plans did not work out the way I wanted. But God had other plans and His plans are always right and best.

Nancy and I flew back to Alaska the end of October for 10 days to see the lung specialist to whom I was referred by my heart doctor. After seeing the specialist and having a CT scan done, he seems to think that my breathing problem is due to a neuromuscular issue. The muscles that make my lungs work are not operating fully. I have been referred to a neurologist and they have contacted me. But due to all that has happened since we returned to N.C., I told them I would contact them when I return to Alaska. There is just too much going on to leave Nancy here in N.C. to take care of things while I fly back to Alaska for a doctor's appointment. Lord willing, I will be able to get more answers when we return to Alaska. The Lord has been so good to us and has worked everything out at just the right time. He has given me strength to do what I need to do and the wisdom to know what I should not do.

As several of you know from the few email updates that I have sent out, Nancy's Mom went home to be with the Lord the day after Thanksgiving. We praise the Lord for all His grace and wonderful blessings during this time. The Lord was so good and gracious during her mom's sickness and as it was evident that her passing was getting close. God's grace was so present, and it was exciting to see someone have such a desire to go home to be with her Savior. A few days before her passing, she woke up and was disappointed to find she was not in heaven yet. She wanted to go home so much that just before her passing she kept asking what she did wrong because she hadn't gone yet. Nancy and I tried to explain to her that she would go when it was God's will for her and not before then. God saw fit a few hours later to graciously take her home to be with Him. It has been a time of grieving but also a time of rejoicing knowing that she is no longer suffering and is finally home with her Savior and at peace. "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." II Corinthians 12:9. "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Corinthians 4:16-18.

I praise the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of the Homeless Outreach Ministry of my home church, McLeansville Baptist Church while back in NC. I haven't been able to go every week due to other demands or sickness, but I am thankful for the opportunities God has given me. It is exciting to see an individual realize their need of salvation and pray and ask God to come into their heart and save them and then to hear they have been reading the Bible that we gave them. We see several of the same individuals every week and others we only see once. But each gets a Gospel tract along with a chicken biscuit or some type of food item and a cup of coffee or water. We pray that the devotions shared as we start and the tracts we give with the food, coffee and sometimes blankets or clothing they receive will have an impact for eternity in their lives. Of those we see weekly, we have gradually begun a limited relationship with them and are encouraged that they seem to look forward to seeing us each week. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Please continue to keep the work in Alaska in your prayers also. I keep in touch with some regularly and pray for all of them faithfully. But it is not the same as being there in person. I truly miss them and look forward to us returning soon to the field. But there is still a lot that needs to be taken care of here due to the homegoing of Nancy's mom. Please know that we are thankful for all the prayers and support. We are thankful for all of you, and hope that you understand the delay in getting out this letter. As our plans are finalized to return home, we will keep you posted.

Love in Christ,